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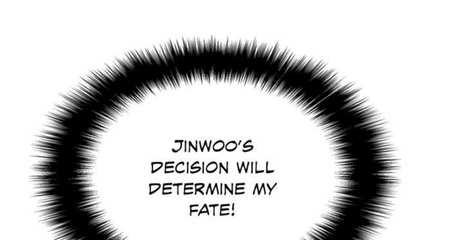
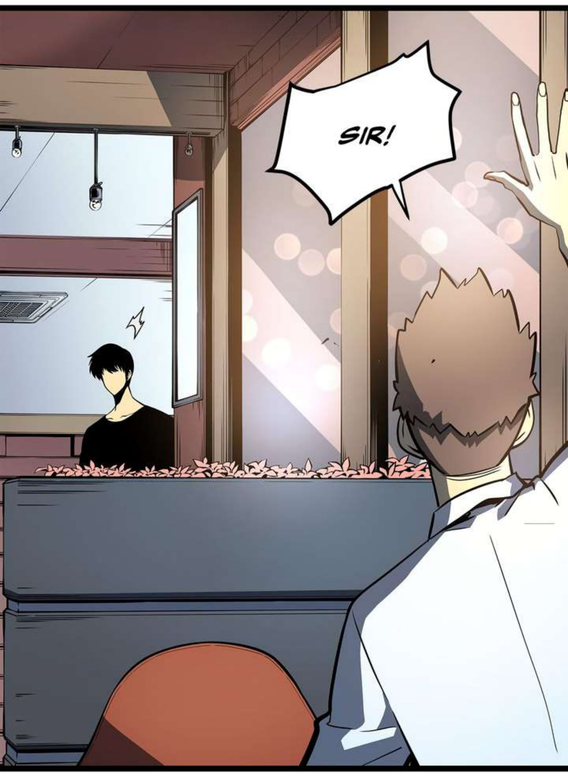
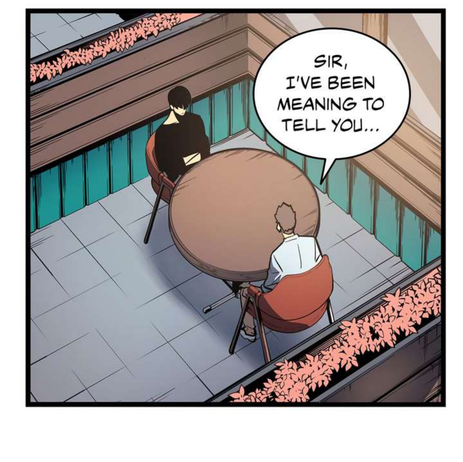


JUST REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS.
SLAP
SLAP


SIR!

SIR, YOUR CLOTHES...!
OH, THIS? I CAME STRAIGHT FROM A DUNGEON.

WOW, HE'S STILL GOING INTO THE DUNGEONS TO TRAIN...
HE'S SO AMAZING...

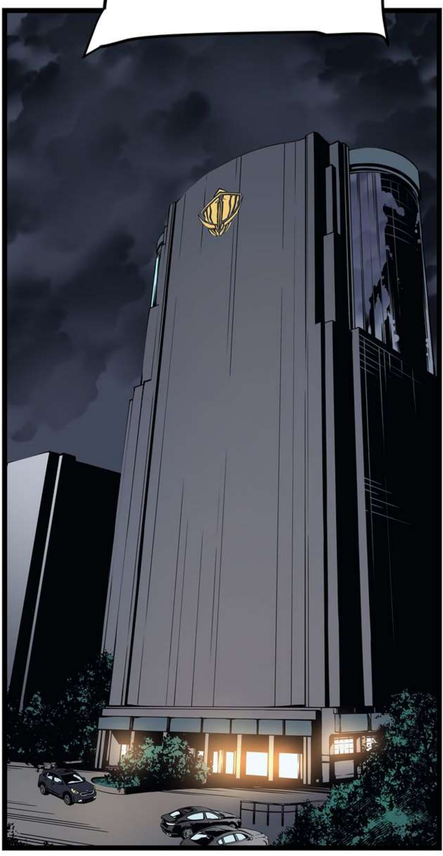

SIR, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU...

SO WHILE YOU WERE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR FATHER, GO MYUNGHWAN SHOWED UP...
AND TOLD YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED INSIDE THE RED GATE?
YES, HE EVEN TOLD ME HOW YOU RESCUED THE WHITE TIGER GUILD HUNTERS...

WHY DID HE HAVE TO DO THAT...
SO YOU'RE SAYING... IN ORDER TO BECOME THE MASTER OF THE YOOJIN GUILD, YOU NEED MY HELP?
I'LL LET YOU HAVE ALL THE DECISION-MAKING POWER.
PLEASE DON'T FEEL PRESSURED.
JINHO,
I'M...

WHAT?!

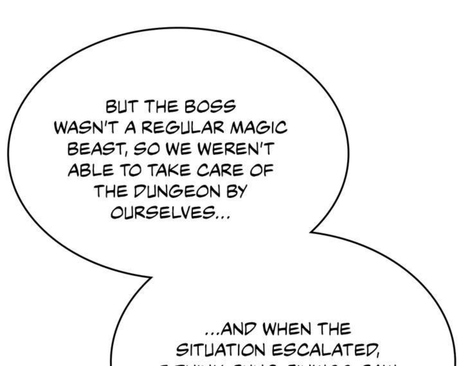
SUNG JINWOO JOINED ONE OF OUR RAIDS?!



HE WAS ON THE MINING TEAM YESTERDAY, AND TODAY HE CARRIED THE STRIKE SQUAD'S BAGS?

MR. SON!!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY HE DID SUCH A THING, BUT...
...I DON'T THINK HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH OUR RAID.


BUT THE BOSS WASN'T A REGULAR MAGIC BEAST, SO WE WEREN'T ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE DUNGEON BY OURSELVES...
...AND WHEN THE SITUATION ESCALATED,

I THINK SUNG JINWOO SAW NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO INTERVENE.

FIRST IT WAS THE WHITE TIGER GUILD, AND NOW WE HUNTERS HAVE BECOME INDEBTED TO HIM AS WELL.

HE CAN SUMMON MULTIPLE BEASTS,

HE'S AS AGILE AS AN ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTER,

AND HE EVEN HAS THE ABILITY TO TURN A DECEASED BEAST INTO ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS...

THESE ARE JUST THE POWERS THAT HAVE BEEN REVEALED TO US, THOUGH. WHAT IF HE HAS EVEN MORE HIDDEN ABILITIES...?

DURING A RAID, EVERYONE IS ASSIGNED A DIFFERENT ROLE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE. EACH POSITION COMPLEMENTS ANOTHER'S WEAKNESS.

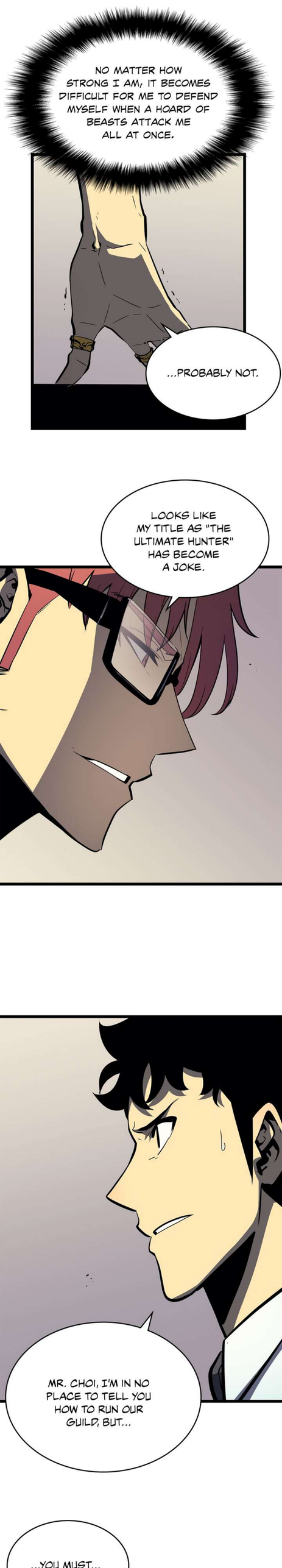
THE ROLES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES. ATTACK, DEFENSE, AND SUPPORT.

THIS IS ALL PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD.

BUT THAT HUNTER WAS...

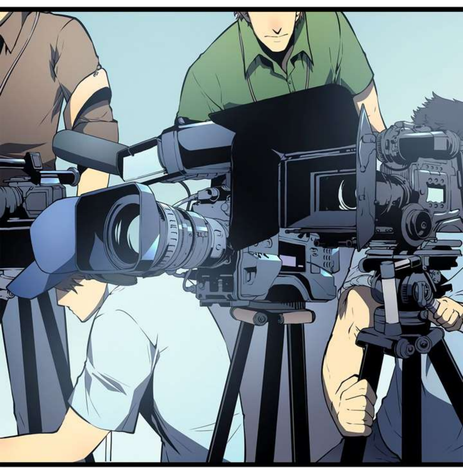
...EXTRAORDINARY.

MR. CHOI, ARE YOU CAPABLE OF CLEARING AN A-RANK DUNGEON OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL ALL BY YOURSELF?


NO MATTER HOW STRONG I AM, IT BECOMES DIFFICULT FOR ME TO DEFEND MYSELF WHEN A HOARD OF BEASTS ATTACK ME ALL AT ONCE.
...PROBABLY NOT.
LOOKS LIKE MY TITLE AS "THE ULTIMATE HUNTER" HAS BECOME A JOKE.
MR. CHOI, I'M IN NO PLACE TO TELL YOU HOW TO RUN OUR GUILD, BUT...
...YOU MUST...

...RECRUIT SUNG JINWOO AT ALL COSTS.

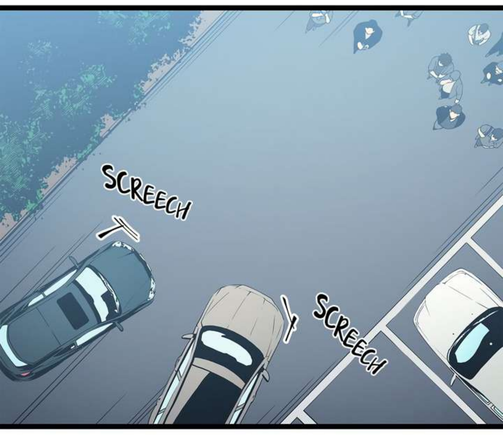
I'LL TRY MY BEST.



LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A PRETTY BIG TURNOUT. I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING LESS.
HERE.

IT'S TOMORROW'S HEADLINE. WHAT DO YOU THINK, MINGUNG?

"LEE MINSUNG, THE MAN WHO HAS IT ALL, WILL SOON POSSESS SUPERHUMAN POWERS"?
A BIT CHEESY, BUT I DON'T HATE IT.

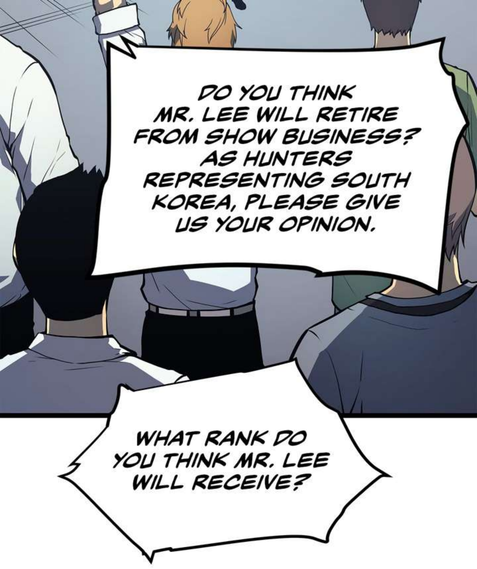

SCREECH
SCREECH

HUH? SOMEONE HAS ARRIVED!

IT'S BAEK YOONHO!
AND CHOI JONG-IN!

WHAT THE... WHAT ARE ALL THESE REPORTERS DOING HERE?
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
SNAP
SNAP

HAVE YOU COME TO THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION TO RECRUIT MR. LEE MINSUNG?


DO YOU THINK MR. LEE WILL RETIRE FROM SHOW BUSINESS? AS HUNTERS REPRESENTING SOUTH KOREA, PLEASE GIVE US YOUR OPINION.
WHAT RANK DO YOU THINK MR. LEE WILL RECEIVE?

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF MR. LEE.
HUH? THEY'RE HERE FOR SOME GUY NAMED LEE MINSUNG?
WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING?
I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE OF HIM. I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

MR. LEE HAS ALREADY SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE FIEND GUILD. IT'S ALREADY COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG INDUSTRY PEOPLE.
ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE TODAY FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

UGH, WHAT THE HECK.
I THOUGHT I HAD A SCOOP.
WHAT A LETDOWN.

I HEARD THAT...
THE HUNTERS GUILD ALSO HAD A CLOSE CALL YESTERDAY.
GRIN
SNAP
SNAP

WELL, WE DIDN'T LOSE AN A-RANK ROOKIE LIKE THE WHITE TIGER GUILD DID.
TICKED
SNAP

SNAP
ANYWAY, LOOKS LIKE BOTH OF OUR GUILDS RECEIVED HELP FROM THAT HUNTER.
SNAP
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM, ALL OF THE ELITE HUNTERS ON OUR SECOND-TIER TEAM WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED.
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
WHICH IS WHY WE VERY MUCH WANT TO RECRUIT HIM INTO OUR GUILD. IT'S THE ETHICAL THING TO DO.
CLACK

OUR GUILD SUFFERED CASUALTIES,
SO WE MUST ENHANCE OUR FORCES. WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE FOR US TO RECRUIT HIM?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO ENHANCE YOUR FORCES WITH AN S-RANK HUNTER?
ARE YOU TRYING TO START A WAR OR SOMETHING?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? SINCE WHEN WERE YOU A MAN OF ETHICS?

HUH? CHOI JONG-IN? BAEK YOONHO?
STEP
STEP

WHAT'S UP, BIG SHOTS?
ARE YOU GUYS BICKERING OVER MINSUNG RIGHT NOW?

LIM TAE-GYU
(S-RANK)
MASTER OF THE
FIEND GUILD

WHAT THE
HELL?
SHOUT
I DON'T GIVE
A DAMN ABOUT
LEE MINSUNG, OR
WHATEVER HIS
NAME IS!!

GEEZ,
WHAT'S WITH YOU
TWO?

CHOI JONG-IN AND BAEK YOONHO, TOO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE COUNTRY'S BEST GUILDS ARE ALL FIGHTING OVER ME...
MINSUNG, EVERYTHING'S READY TO GO. LET'S START WITH THE INTERVIEW.
OKAY.

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

FIEND

-A GUILD THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE SEOUL METROPOLITAN AREA.
-FORMERLY RANKED AS THE NO.1 MAJOR GUILD IN SOUTH KOREA.
-THE GUILD FELL IN RANKING WHEN THE WHITE TIGER GUILD SPLIT OFF FROM THE FIEND GUILD AND ROSE TO POWER.

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ALREADY CATCH WIND OF WHAT HAPPENED?

NO, I DON'T THINK SO... NONE OF THESE PEOPLE RECOGNIZE ME.

HOW AM I GOING TO GET INSIDE THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING?

HUH, WHAT THE HELL?

SHOVE

SHOVE

EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH.

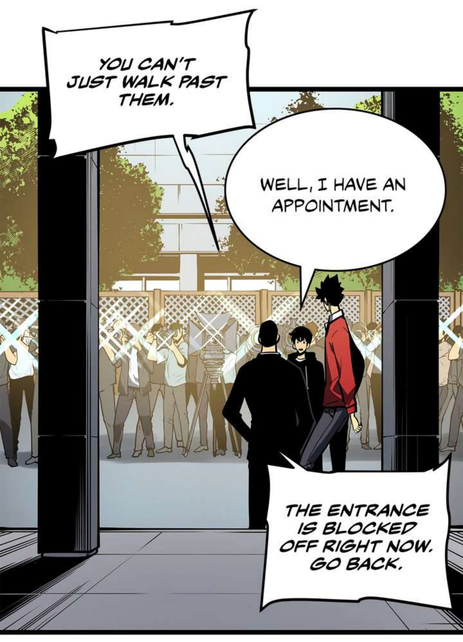
OH, COME ON.

HEY! WHO ARE YOU?

DO YOU WORK FOR THE ASSOCIATION?

SHOUT

CAN'T YOU SEE ALL THE REPORTERS?


YOU CAN'T JUST WALK PAST THEM.
WELL, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.
THE ENTRANCE IS BLOCKED OFF RIGHT NOW. GO BACK.

WHO'S THAT MORON?
I WISH SECURITY WOULD JUST KICK HIM OUT.
YELL
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH HERE. GO AWAY!

WHO TOLD YOU HE'S NOT ALLOWED THROUGH HERE?
EH?

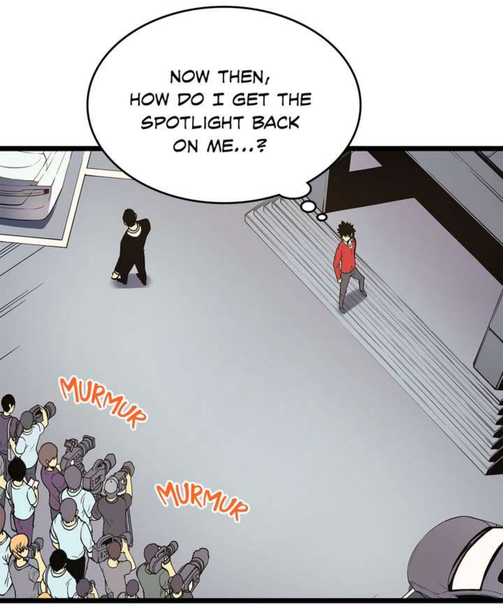
MR. GO GUNHEE...?
THAT YOUNG MAN HAPPENS TO BE MY GUEST.
MR. LEE MINSUNG, I TRUST YOU REMEMBER WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE.
O, OF COURSE.

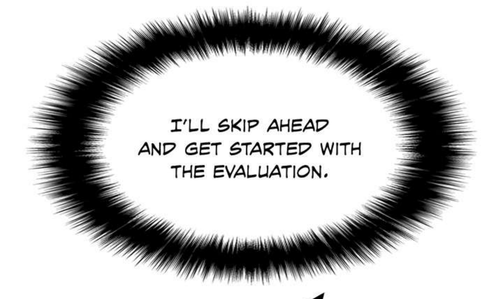
LET'S GO INSIDE, MR. SUNG.

WHO IS THAT GUY? WHY IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION WALKING HIM INSIDE THE BUILDING?
DOES ANYONE KNOW WHO HE IS?
CRIT
HOW DARE HE RUIN MY SHOW...

HEY, FIND OUT HOW THAT GUY KNOWS THE CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO KNOW JUST HOW GREAT HE IS.

O...OKAY.


NOW THEN, HOW DO I GET THE SPOTLIGHT BACK ON ME...?
MURMUR
MURMUR


I'LL SKIP AHEAD AND GET STARTED WITH THE EVALUATION.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.
I'LL BE BACK AFTER I DISCUSS TODAY'S SCHEDULE WITH THE OFFICIALS AT THE ASSOCIATION.

HUH?
SWOOSH

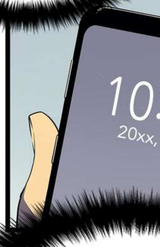
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

ANOTHER HUNTER IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A RE-EVALUATION.

THE RE-EVALUATION WILL BE OVER AT 11 O'CLOCK. UNTIL THEN, NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY INSIDE THE BUILDING.

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

I HAVE TO WAIT A WHOLE 30 MINUTES?



ANOTHER AWAKENED HUNTER IS HERE TODAY...? IS HE TALKING ABOUT THE GUY WHO WAS JUST ESCORTED INTO THE BUILDING BY THE CHAIRMAN?

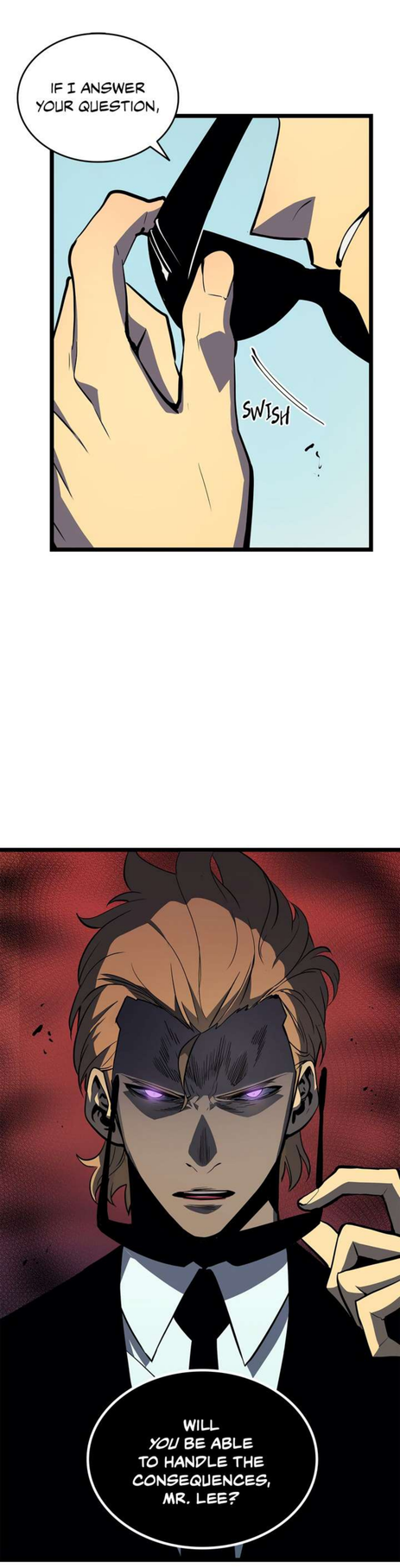
THE REPORTERS ARE ALREADY HERE AND MY EVALUATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 11 O'CLOCK, SO I HAVE TO GO IN RIGHT NOW.

EVEN THE CHAIRMAN KNOWS THIS, BUT YOU STILL WON'T LET ME THROUGH?

LISTEN UP, BUDDY. DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'M LEE MINSUNG, THE ONE AND ONLY LEE MINSUNG.
WHISPER
YOU MAY ENTER THE BUILDING AT 11 O'CLOCK WHEN YOUR EVALUATION BEGINS.
HEY, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION IS THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION'S BIGGEST SPONSOR?
MY FATHER IS LEE WON-GYU, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION.
THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY WE PAY THE ASSOCIATION. YOU SHOULD BE ON YOUR KNEES RIGHT NOW.
AND DON'T YOU SEE THOSE REPORTERS OVER THERE?
HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF ALL THE CAMERAS?
YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES?
MURMUR
CHATTER
MURMUR

YES.
WHAT?

W, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT HUNTER?! HUH?


IF I ANSWER YOUR QUESTION,
SWISH
WILL *YOU* BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES, MR. LEE?

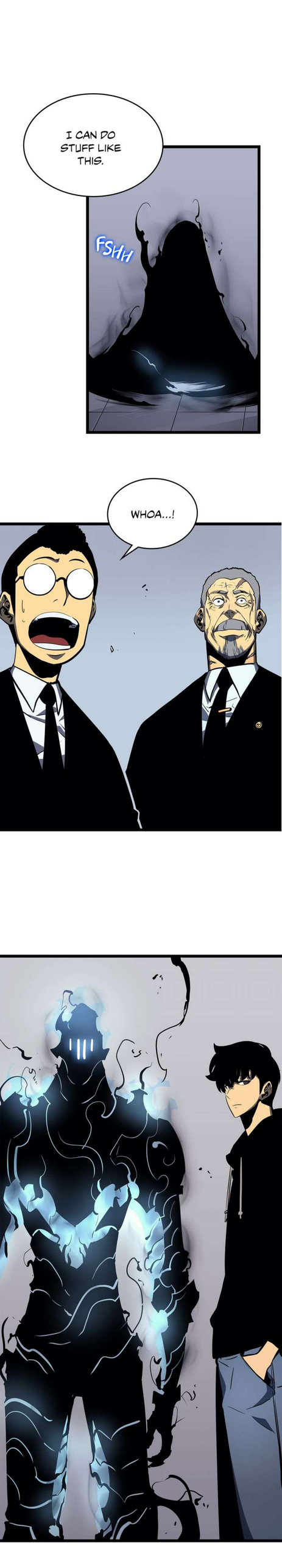
SHUDDER

THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR AN HOUR.

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE THE LAST S-RANK HUNTER APPEARED.
ON TOP OF THAT, THE HUNTERS GUILD WITNESSED YOUR STRENGTH, SO THEY MUST BE DYING TO HAVE YOU JOIN THEIR GUILD.
STEP
STEP

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MR. SUNG.
HELLO.

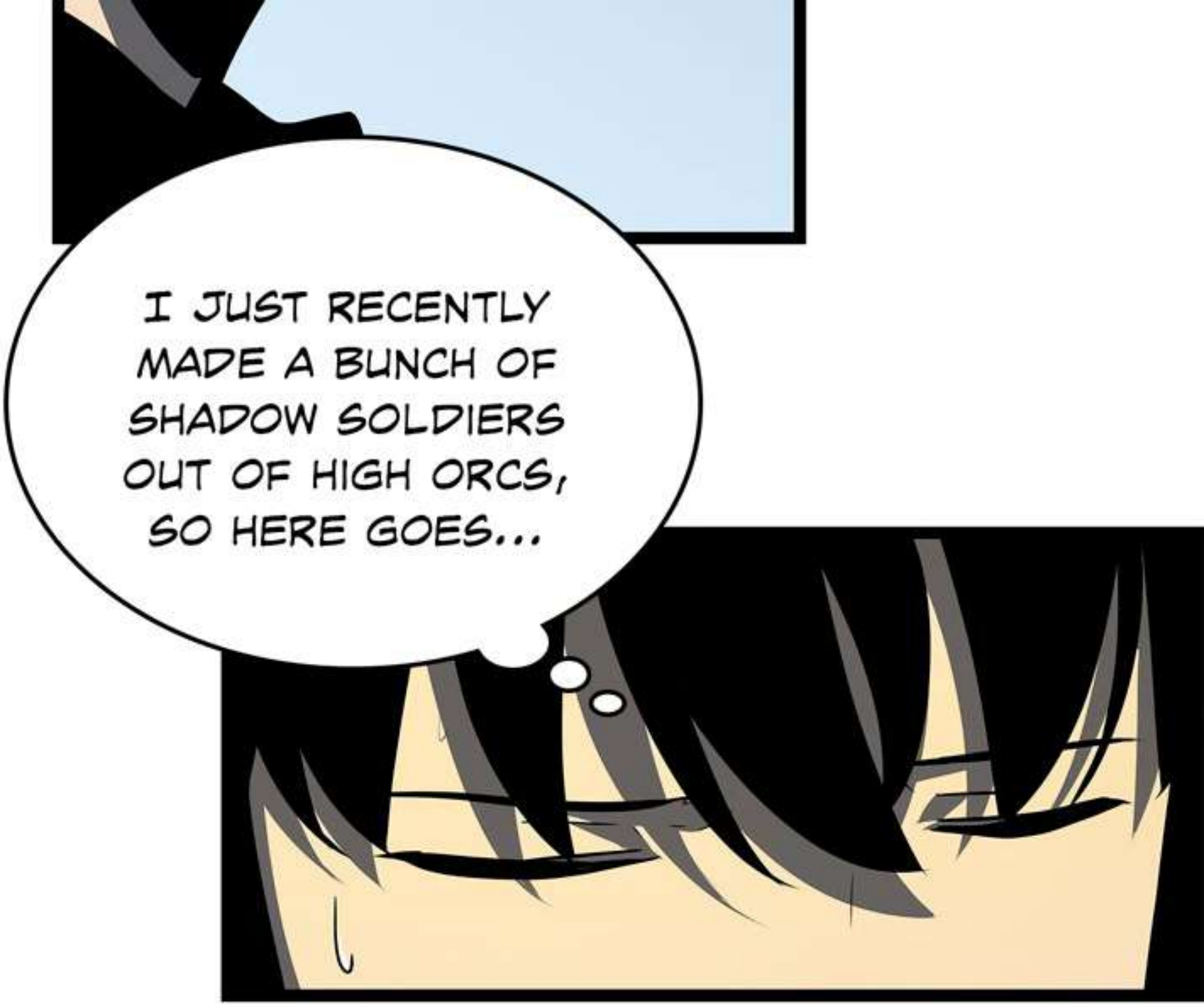
BEFORE WE BEGIN THE RE-EVALUATION, WE WILL CHECK YOUR SKILL SET IN ORDER TO CATEGORIZE YOU INTO A CLASS.
WHAT KIND OF SKILLS ARE YOU CAPABLE OF USING?


I CAN DO STUFF LIKE THIS.
FSHH
WHOA...!

HAS THIS BEAST... BEEN SUMMONED?
YOU'RE CAPABLE OF SUMMONING BEASTS?

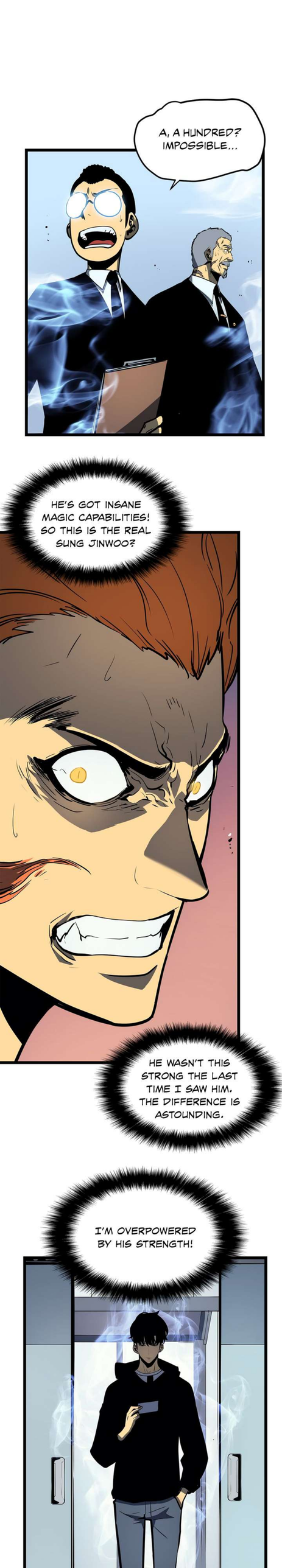
MR. SUNG,
THAT'S NOT ALL YOU CAN SUMMON, IS IT?

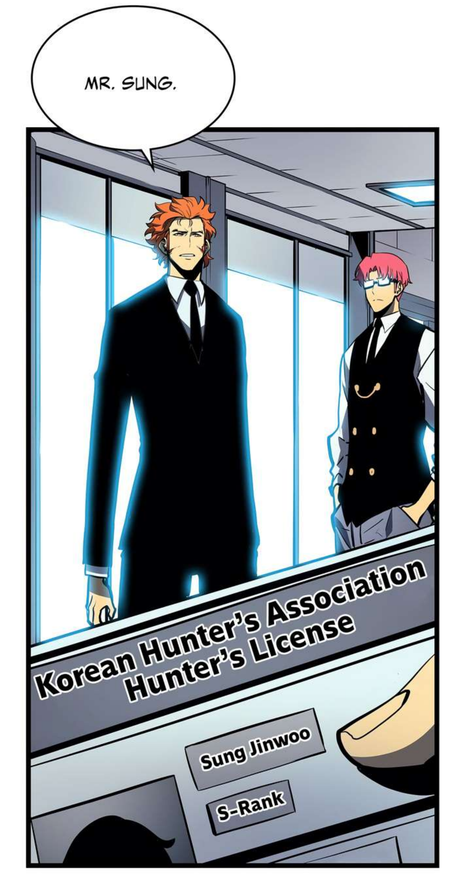
I GUESS THERE'S NO USE LYING. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SEEN ME IN ACTION.
GROAN


I JUST RECENTLY MADE A BUNCH OF SHADOW SOLDIERS OUT OF HIGH ORCS, SO HERE GOES...

FSHHH
FSHH

I CAN SUMMON ABOUT A HUNDRED MORE.


A, A HUNDRED? IMPOSSIBLE...
HE'S GOT INSANE MAGIC CAPABILITIES! SO THIS IS THE REAL SUNG JINWOO?
HE WASN'T THIS STRONG THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM. THE DIFFERENCE IS ASTOUNDING.
I'M OVERPOWERED BY HIS STRENGTH!


MR. SUNG.
Korean Hunter's Association
Hunter's License
Sung Jinwoo
S-Rank

MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
SORRY. I HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ATTEND TO.
SNEAK

H, HUH? THAT WAY IS...!
I WOULDN'T GO OUT THAT WAY IF I WERE YOU.

ARE THEY SAYING I'M GOING TO REGRET LEAVING BECAUSE THEY'RE ABOUT TO MAKE ME A REALLY GOOD OFFER?

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

WHAT THE... WHAT IS ALL THIS?

LIVE
S Rank Hunt

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LIVE

J, JINAH! IT'S YOUR BROTHER!
YOUR BROTHER IS ON TV!
LIVE
New S-Rank Hunter!
AADI stream
SUNGSAM

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHY WOULD JINWOO BE ON TV?

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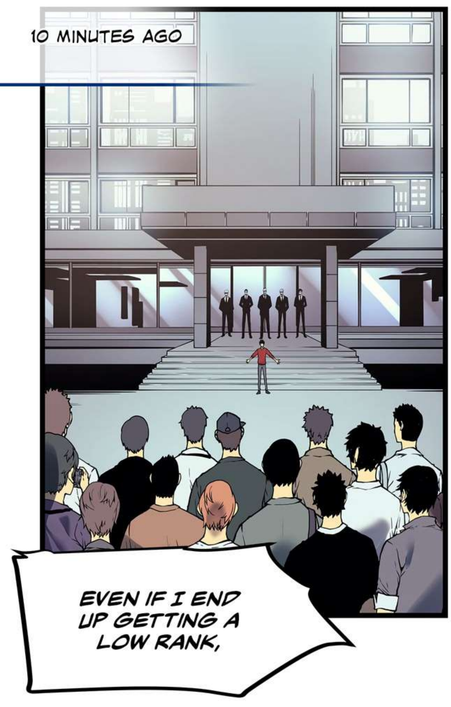
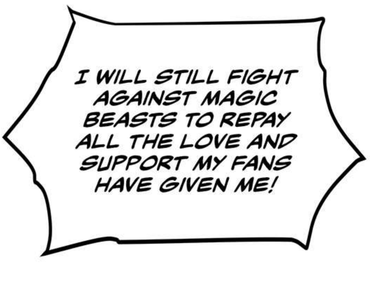
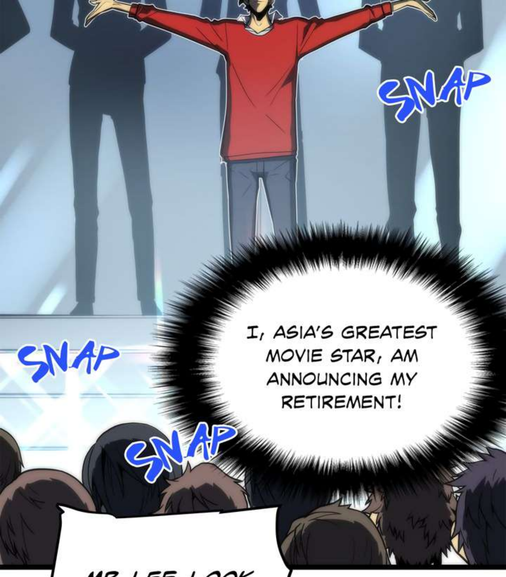




WHATEVER RANK I GET TODAY, I, LEE MINSUNG, PROMISE TO BE A HUNTER WHO SERVES THE PEOPLE!
WHAT? LEE MINSUNG IS RETIRING?
REGARDLESS OF HIS RANK?
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'LL THROW AWAY YOUR TITLE AS ASIA'S BIGGEST STAR AND BECOME A HUNTER, EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE A LOW RANK?
YES, PAY ATTENTION TO ME, EVERYONE! TO THE ONE AND ONLY LEE MINSUNG!



MR. LEE, LOOK THIS WAY!

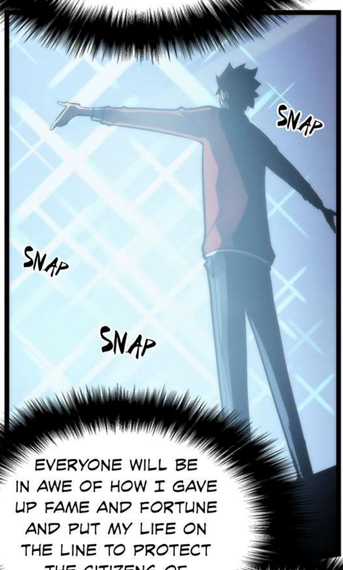
YOU'LL GIVE UP EVERYTHING EVEN IF YOU TURN OUT TO BE A LOW-RANKING HUNTER?!

OF COURSE, THIS IS ALL JUST A BIG FAT LIE.

I'VE ALREADY BEEN EVALUATED AND RECEIVED AN A-RANK!

FOR JUST TWO YEARS, I'M GOING TO BE PAID MILLIONS TO HELP PROMOTE THE FIEND GUILD,

WHICH WILL PUT TO REST ANY RUMORS ABOUT ME AND DIVERT THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE ISSUE OF MY MANDATORY MILITARY SERVICE!



EVERYONE WILL BE IN AWE OF HOW I GAVE UP FAME AND FORTUNE AND PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY.

A PRETTY CONVINCING STORY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. LIM TAE-GYU, THE MASTER OF THE FIEND GUILD, FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN...

WHAT?! AN S-RANK HUNTER?!

YOU GOT A CALL FROM THE ASSOCIATION?

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU TELLING ME NOW?!

SERIOUSLY?! THE IDENTITY OF SOUTH KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER HAS BEEN REVEALED?!
MURMUR
...
RRRRING
RRRING
RRRRING
MURMUR

HUH?

IT'S TRUE! THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED!
IS THIS HIM?!
Sung Jinwoo
S-RANK
IS HE THE 10TH S-RANK HUNTER?!

DIDN'T THE ASSOCIATION CLOSE DOWN THE EVALUATION CENTER EARLIER THIS MORNING?
FWIP
IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF LEE MINSUNG?
TURN
SWISH
THEY CLOSED DOWN THE EVALUATION CENTER FOR THE S-RANK HUNTER, NOT LEE MINSUNG?
A NEW S-RANK HUNTER?! WE CAN'T MISS THIS!
G, GUYS?
DASH

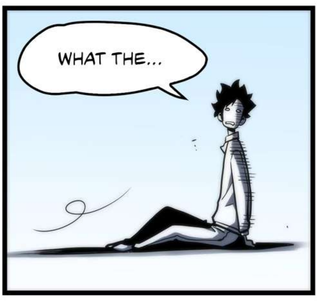
STEP

COME ON, LET US IN!
WE JUST HEARD THERE'S A NEW S-RANK HUNTER!
SHOULDN'T WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE?!
BUSTLE
CHATTER
GET OUT OF THE WAY!

W, WHAT? AN S-RANK?
AN S-RANK HUNTER APPEARED TODAY OF ALL DAYS?

HEY, MR. LIM!
AH, MR. LEE. I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL LATER.

THAT'S RIGHT, PLASTER EVERY HEADLINE TOMORROW WITH, "FROM LOSER TO HERO: THE REMARKABLE RISE OF AN E-RANK TO AN S-RANK"!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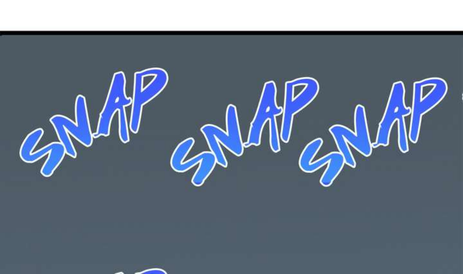
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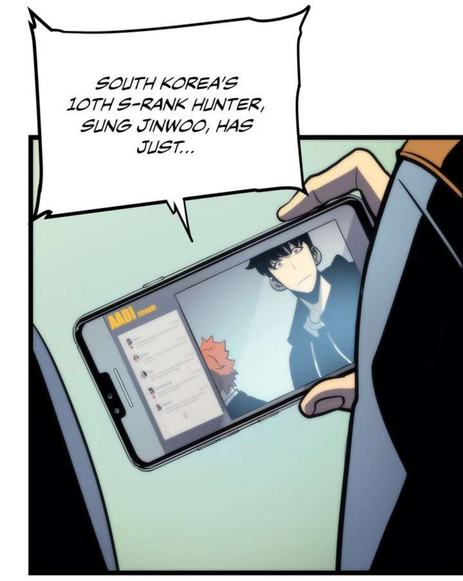
SNAP
SNAP

...ISN'T THAT SUNG?
LIVE
S-Rank Hunter

SUNG IS ON THE NEWS.
GLANCE
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I KNEW IT! I KNEW FROM THE MOMENT HE GLARED AT ME!!
LET'S SEE WHAT HEINOUS CRIMES THAT SCUMBAG HAS COMMITTED!

SUNG?
WHAT DID SUNG DO?


SOUTH KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO, HAS JUST...

TREMBLE

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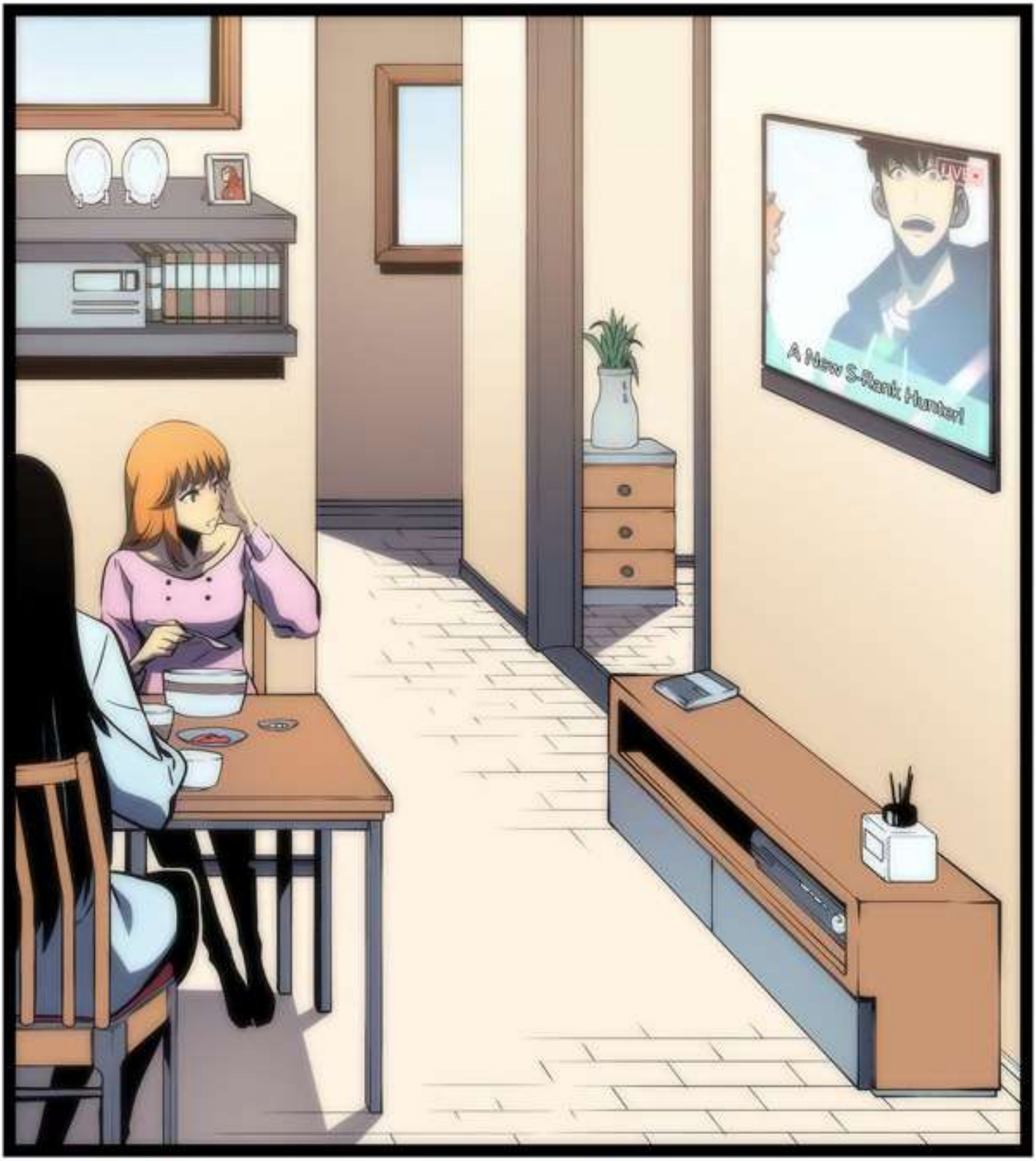
LIVE
A New S-Rank Hunter!

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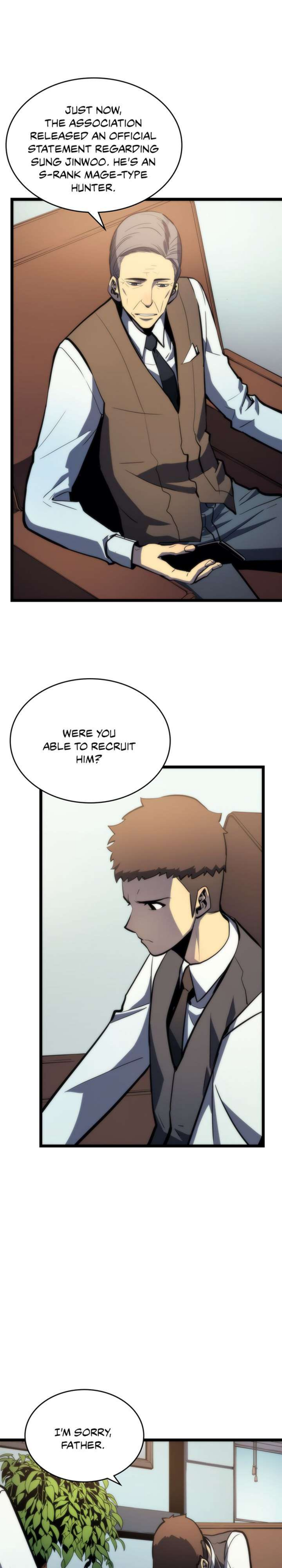
JUST NOW, THE ASSOCIATION RELEASED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING SUNG JINWOO. HE'S AN S-RANK MAGE-TYPE HUNTER.

WERE YOU ABLE TO RECRUIT HIM?

I'M SORRY, FATHER.



I WASN'T ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM.

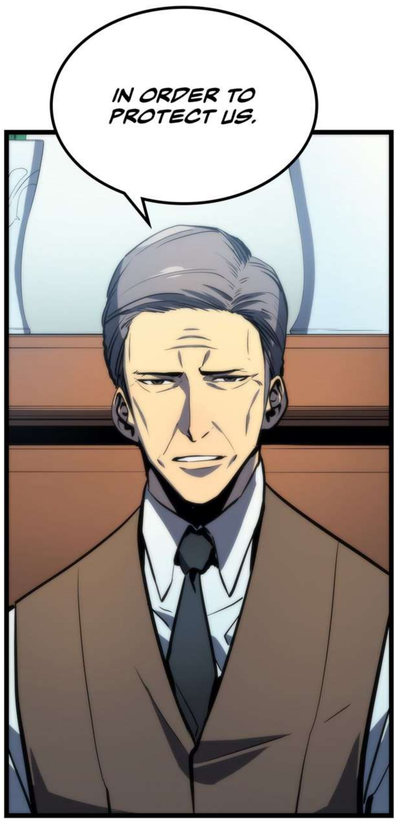
JINWOO TOLD ME THAT...

...HE'S GOING TO FORM HIS OWN GUILD. HE ASKED ME TO JOIN AS THE VICE GUILD MASTER IF I WAS INTERESTED...

SMILE

DO YOU KNOW WHY I WANT TO CREATE THE YOOJIN GUILD?
BECAUSE THE HUNTING BUSINESS IS PROFITABLE...?

CURRENTLY, I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO LAST ME MANY LIFETIMES.
DO YOU THINK I'D RISK GETTING INTO FEUDS WITH THE MAJOR GUILDS JUST TO MAKE A FEW MORE BUCKS?
THEN WHY...?



HUNTERS ARE GROWING STRONGER BY THE DAY.

IT'S NO LONGER SURPRISING TO COME ACROSS A HUNTER WHOSE STRENGTH RIVALS THE COMBINED ARMED FORCES OF A COUNTRY.

THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CALLED **"NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS,"** THEY SURPASS S-RANKS AND ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST POWERFUL HUNTERS IN THE WORLD.

IN SOME SMALLER COUNTRIES, THESE HUNTERS REIGN LIKE KINGS.

WE CAN'T KEEP RELYING
ON OUR LEGAL SYSTEM
AND THE GOVERNMENT
TO PROTECT US.

I WANT TO CREATE A GUILD SO THAT I CAN RECRUIT TRUSTWORTHY HUNTERS.

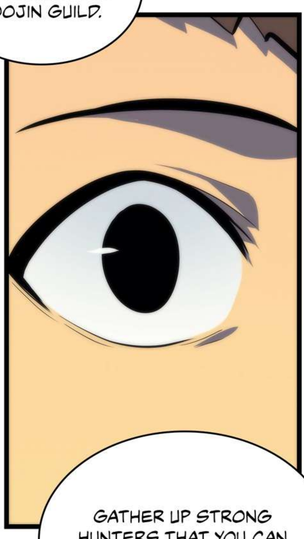
NOT BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE MONEY OR CONNECTIONS, BUT BECAUSE I WANT TO FIND HUNTERS THAT I CAN TRULY TRUST AND DEPEND ON.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY MANAGED TO FIND ONE.

SO YOU HAVE MY APPROVAL.

I'LL LET YOU BE THE LEADER OF THE YOOJIN GUILD.

BUILD AND EXPAND THE YOOJIN GUILD.



GATHER UP STRONG HUNTERS THAT YOU CAN TRUST AND MAKE THEM YOUR ALLIES.

IN THE FUTURE, THOSE HUNTERS WILL BE THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET YOU OWN.

THANK YOU, FATHER!

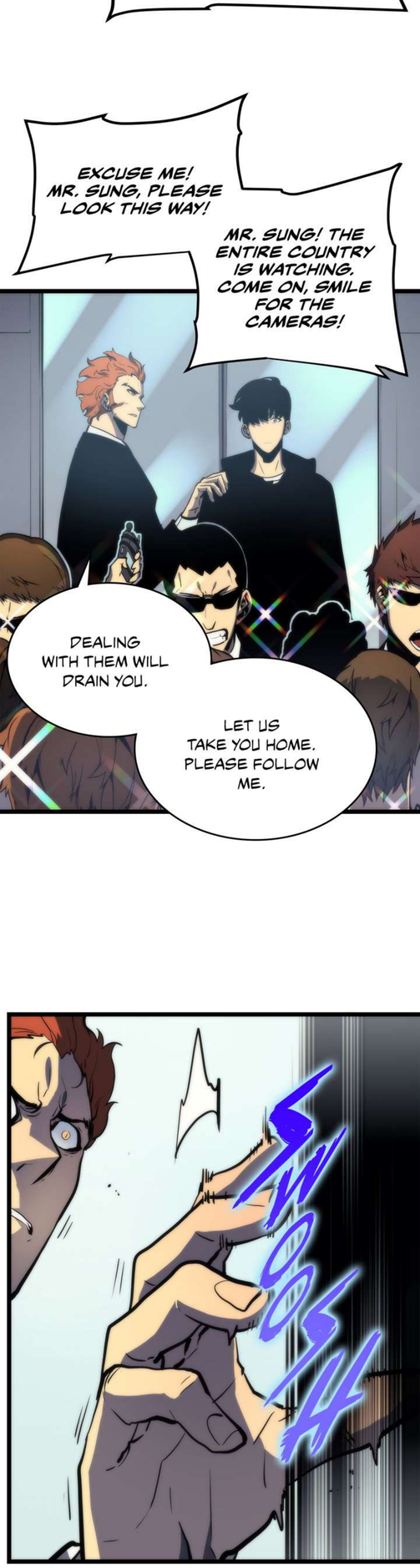
BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.

HM?

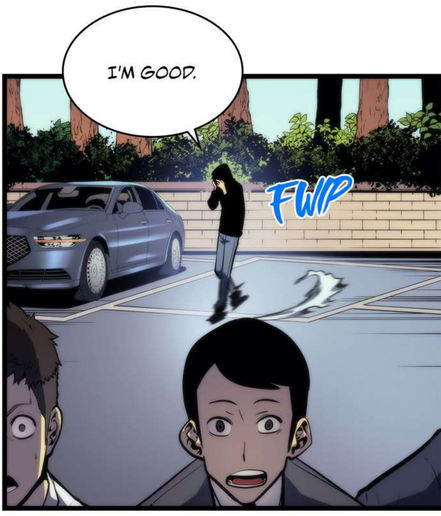
I'M GOING TO JOIN JINWOO'S GUILD.

WHY ARE ALL THESE REPORTERS IN FRONT OF ME? WHY AREN'T THEY TAKING PHOTOS OF LEE MINSUNG?

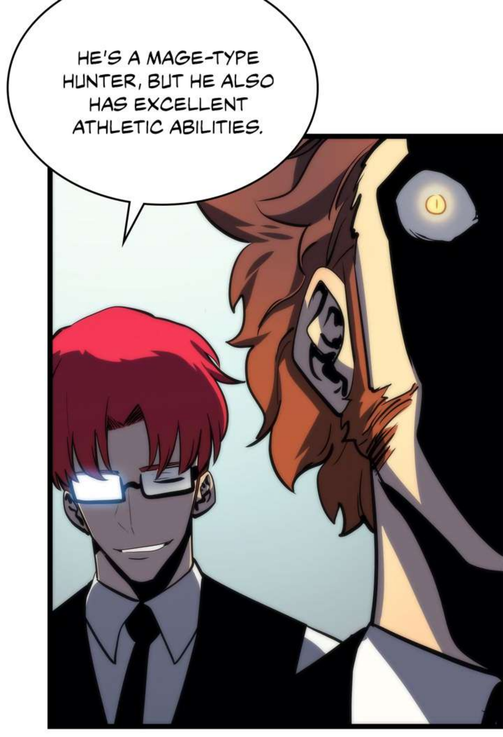
MR. SUNG JINWOO! ARE YOU REALLY THE E-RANK HUNTER WHO WAS PART OF THE ASSOCIATION?
YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN REAWAKENED, SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY! HOW DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW?


EXCUSE ME! MR. SUNG, PLEASE LOOK THIS WAY!
MR. SUNG! THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS WATCHING. COME ON, SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS!
DEALING WITH THEM WILL DRAIN YOU.
LET US TAKE YOU HOME. PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

SWOOSH

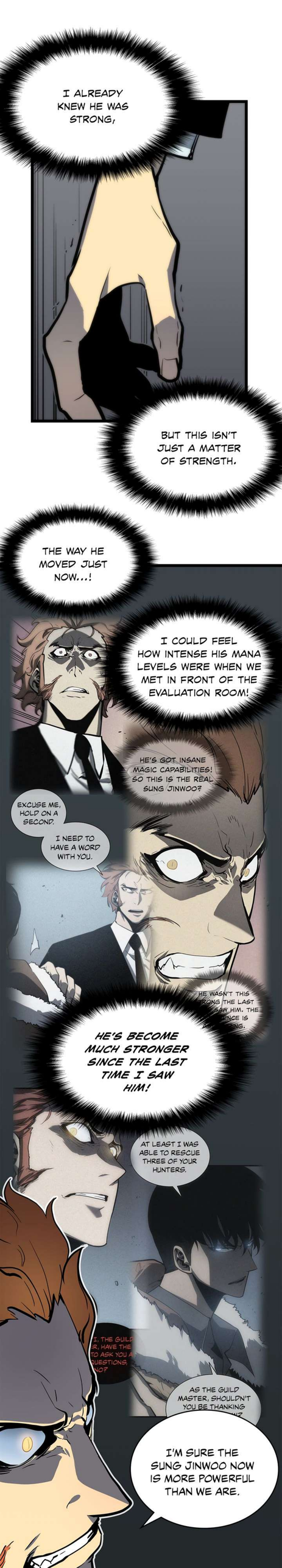

I'M GOOD.
FWIP

H, HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?


HE'S A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER, BUT HE ALSO HAS EXCELLENT ATHLETIC ABILITIES.

MR. BAEK?

HE'S FAST!
SO FAST THAT MY EYES CAN'T KEEP UP!


I ALREADY KNEW HE WAS STRONG,
BUT THIS ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF STRENGTH.
THE WAY HE MOVED JUST NOW...!
I COULD FEEL HOW INTENSE HIS MANA LEVELS WERE WHEN WE MET IN FRONT OF THE EVALUATION ROOM!
HE'S GOT INSANE MAGIC CAPABILITIES! SO THIS IS THE REAL SUNG JINWOO?
EXCUSE ME, HOLD ON A SECOND.
I NEED TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
HE WASN'T THIS ONG THE LAST AW HIM. THE NCE IS NG.
HE'S BECOME MUCH STRONGER SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM!
AT LEAST I WAS ABLE TO RESCUE THREE OF YOUR HUNTERS.
I, THE GUILD R, HAVE THE O ASK YOU A UESTIONS, NO?
AS THE GUILD MASTER, SHOULDN'T YOU BE THANKING
I'M SURE THE SUNG JINWOO NOW IS MORE POWERFUL THAN WE ARE.

BUT HIS REAWAKENING MUST HAVE HAPPENED A WHILE BACK.
SO HOW DID HE BECOME STRONGER? IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
TURN
?
NO...
PERHAPS HE WASN'T REAWAKENED!
COULD HE BE...

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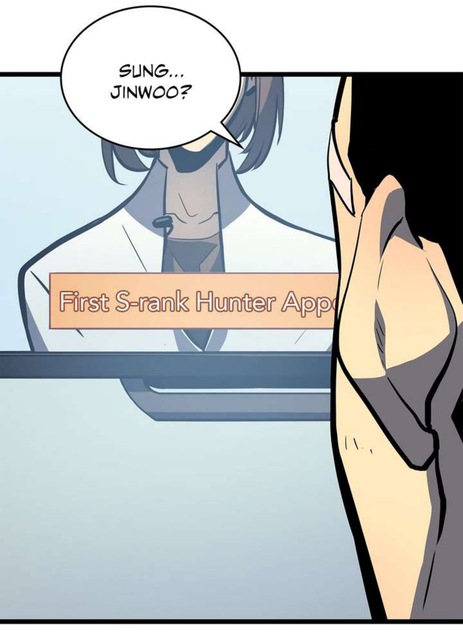
First S-Rank Hunter Appearance in 2 Years


SUNG... JINWOO?
First S-rank Hunter App

THAT BASTARD...

CAN'T STAND ALL THE FILTHY VERMIN...!

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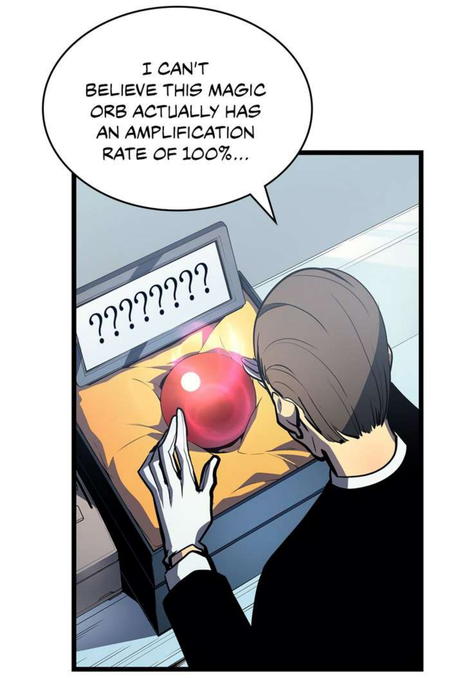
I'VE SEEN QUITE A LOT OF ARTIFACTS IN MY TIME, BUT I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS A RED CRYSTAL BALL...


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MAGIC ORB ACTUALLY HAS AN AMPLIFICATION RATE OF 100%...
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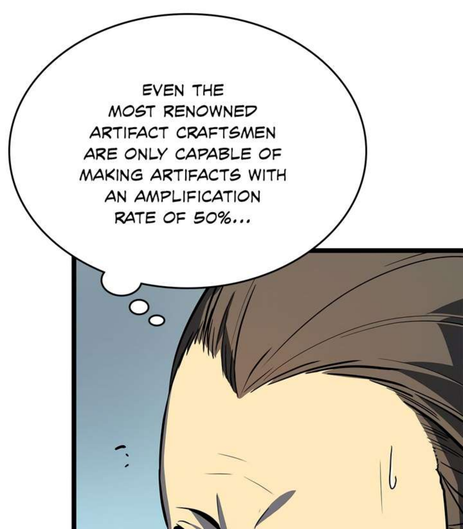
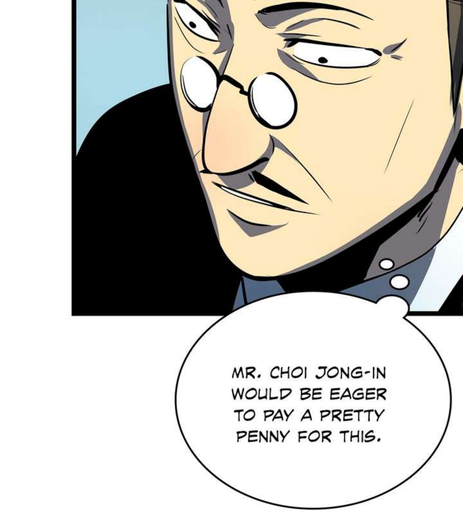

EVEN THE MOST RENOWNED ARTIFACT CRAFTSMEN ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF MAKING ARTIFACTS WITH AN AMPLIFICATION RATE OF 50%...



MR. CHOI JONG-IN WOULD BE EAGER TO PAY A PRETTY PENNY FOR THIS.

WHERE DID YOU GET THIS ITEM?

I FOUND IT IN A DUNGEON.

YOU FOUND THIS IN A DUNGEON?

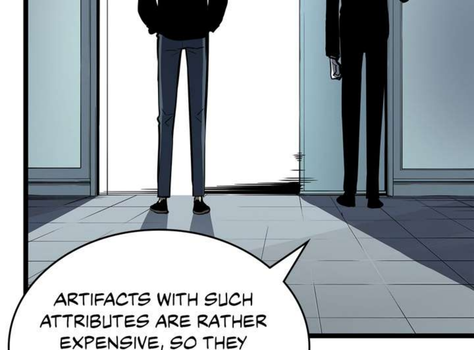
THERE ARE ARTIFACTS LIKE THIS LYING AROUND?

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PUT THIS ITEM UP FOR AUCTION?

WE'LL HELP YOU SELL IT AT A PREMIUM PRICE.

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

I WANT TO CLEAR THE DEMONS' CASTLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT I CAN MAKE THE "HOLY WATER OF LIFE."
THAT MEANS I NEED AN ARTIFACT TO PROTECT ME FROM THE FLAMES INSIDE THE CASTLE.
I'M LOOKING TO PURCHASE AN ARTIFACT THAT CAN PROTECT ME AGAINST FIRE. IS THERE ONE FOR SALE?
FIRE, YOU SAY?
IS AN ARTIFACT LIKE THAT HARD TO FIND?
NOT AT ALL. IN FACT, IT'S ONE OF THE MOST COMMON ARTIFACTS ON THE MARKET.
BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY ONLINE.



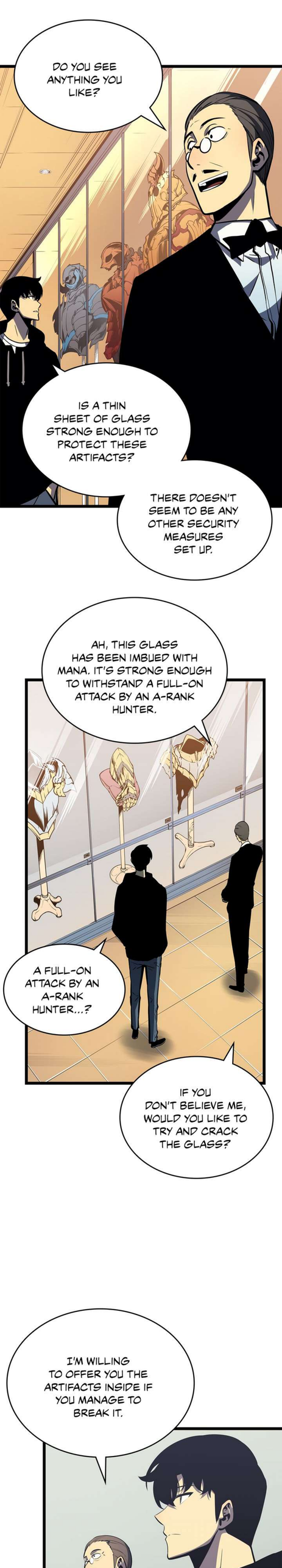
ARTIFACTS WITH SUCH ATTRIBUTES ARE RATHER EXPENSIVE, SO THEY AREN'T USUALLY PUT UP FOR SALE ON THE INTERNET.

BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY ONE, IT'S VERY EASILY OBTAINABLE,

SINCE FIRE IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF MAGIC USED FOR ATTACK.

THAT MAKES SENSE. MR. SONG CHIYUL AND CHOI JONG-IN BOTH USE FIRE MAGIC, AS WELL AS TUSK AND MY SHADOW MAGES...

PLEASE FOLLOW ME.


DO YOU SEE ANYTHING YOU LIKE?
IS A THIN SHEET OF GLASS STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT THESE ARTIFACTS?
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY OTHER SECURITY MEASURES SET UP.
AH, THIS GLASS HAS BEEN IMBUED WITH MANA. IT'S STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND A FULL-ON ATTACK BY AN A-RANK HUNTER.
A FULL-ON ATTACK BY AN A-RANK HUNTER...?
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY AND CRACK THE GLASS?
I'M WILLING TO OFFER YOU THE ARTIFACTS INSIDE IF YOU MANAGE TO BREAK IT.

I CAN SENSE THAT THE GLASS HAS BEEN IMBUED WITH MANA, BUT IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THAT STURDY, COULD IT?

YOU SEE, OUR AUCTION COMMITTEE HAS CO-SIGNED A SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

DIDN'T HE SAY HE WAS A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER?

WHERE IS HIS CONFIDENCE COMING FROM...?

DO YOU HAVE ANY WEAPONS I CAN TRY OUT? PREFERABLY SOMETHING LIKE A DAGGER.

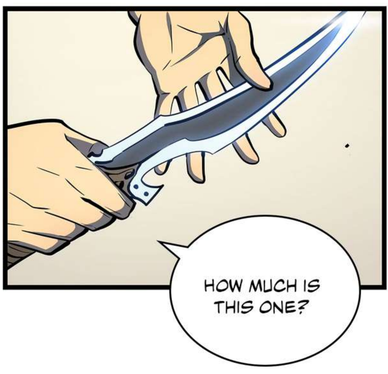
OF COURSE WE DO.

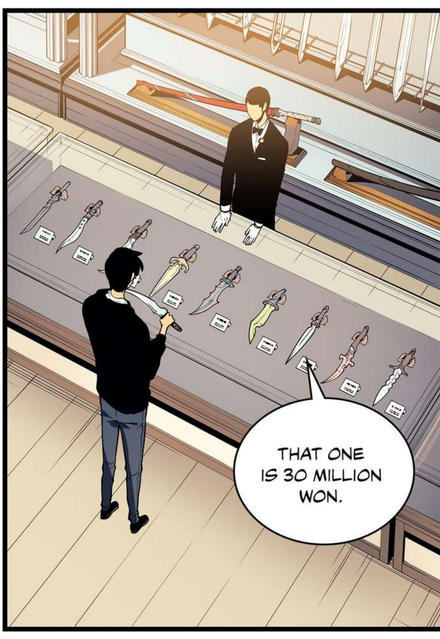
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I'M THE WEAPONS SPECIALIST. PLEASE COME WITH ME.

HM?

WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?

HE DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THE GLASS, SO THERE'S NO WAY...
SWEAT

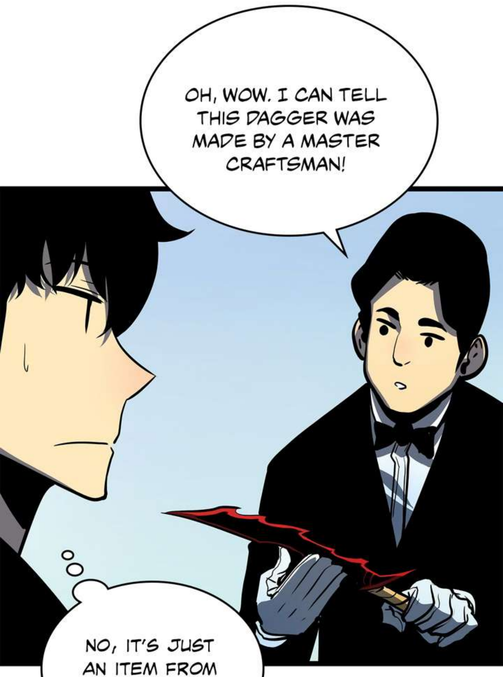

HOW MUCH IS THIS ONE?


THAT ONE IS 30 MILLION WON.

THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY IS B-RANK AND IT'S WEAKER THAN "KNIGHT KILLER," YET IT'S STILL EXPENSIVE.
AT BEST, THIS IS PROBABLY ON THE SAME LEVEL AS "KASAKA'S VENOM FANG."

HOW MUCH WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THIS BE

WORTH?


OH, WOW. I CAN TELL THIS DAGGER WAS MADE BY A MASTER CRAFTSMAN!
NO, IT'S JUST AN ITEM FROM THE SHOP...

THIS IS WORTH MORE THAN 100 MILLION, AT THE VERY LEAST.
BUT I BOUGHT IT AT THE SHOP FOR 2.8 MILLION GOLD!!

"KIM SANGSHIK'S STEEL SWORD" WAS WORTH THREE MILLION, EVEN THOUGH IT ONLY HAD AN ATTACK DAMAGE OF 10,

AND JINHO'S ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT COST MILLIONS, EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T REALLY GET MUCH USE OUT OF THEM.

[ITEM: KIM SANGSHIK'S STEEL
TYPE: SWORD
ATTACK +10

IS HE THE SON OF A BUSINESS TYCOON?!

IF AN ITEM FROM THE SHOP CAN FETCH A GOOD PRICE, THERE'S NO GOOD REASON FOR ME TO SELL "THE ORB OF AVARICE," IS THERE?

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

A HUNTER THAT IS ABLE TO CONTINUOUSLY LEVEL UP...!

WHEN I'M IN MY "ENLIGHTENED STATE," I CAN ACCURATELY READ MY OPPONENT'S SKILL LEVEL.
I'M ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE THAT SUNG JINWOO WAS WEAKER THAN ME WHEN I MET HIM AT THE RED GATE.

BUT NOT ANYMORE...
HOW FOOLISH OF ME.
WHY WOULD SOMEONE AS STRONG AS HIM EVER JOIN SOMEONE ELSE'S GUILD WHEN HE CAN JUST START HIS OWN?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER A CERTAIN GUILD IS THE BEST OR THE SECOND-BEST IN THE COUNTRY.
IF HE CAN KEEP GROWING STRONGER, HE'LL ALWAYS BE NUMBER ONE.
LOOKS LIKE CHOI JONG-IN AND I WERE JUST WASTING OUR TIME.

...THE HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO, UNDERWENT A SECOND AWAKENING AND JUMPED FIVE WHOLE RANKS, GOING FROM AN E-RANK TO AN S-RANK.

SAID TO POSSESS MAGE-TYPE SKILLS, HE...

MR. BAEK MAY HAVE GIVEN UP ON RECRUITING SUNG JINWOO, BUT NOT ME!

IF WE TRY CONVINCING HIM JUST ONE MORE TIME, I'M POSITIVE WE CAN GET HIM TO JOIN THE WHITE TIGER GUILD...!

I'LL HELP YOU, CHIEF!!

MR. AHN, DO YOU REALLY THINK SUNG JINWOO WILL MEET US HERE? THERE ARE REPORTERS EVERYWHERE.
DAMN IT... WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SET UP CAMP.
1 A 2

WHOA... JINWOO, THE REPORTERS ARE STILL OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING.

LOOK, UP THERE!
WHAT?!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

EEK!!

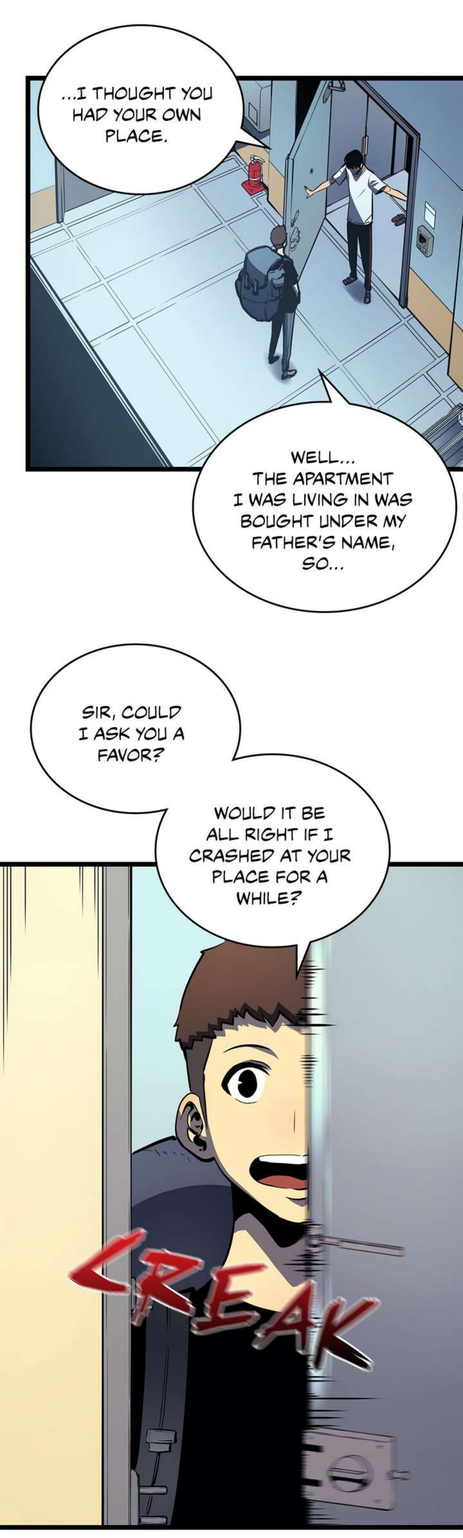
WANT ME TO GO DOWN THERE AND TELL THEM OFF?
NO, DON'T!
YOU'RE ALREADY GETTING A TON OF HATE COMMENTS ON THE INTERNET. NO NEED TO ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE.

HATE COMMENTS? WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE HATE?
CRAWL
CRAWL
YOU SNUBBED THE REPORTERS, REMEMBER?
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE, SO NEITHER SHOULD YOU.

BANG
BANG
EEEK

THEY'RE KNOCKING ON OUR FRONT DOOR NOW.
THAT'S IT, I'M GONNA GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND.
STOMP
NO, JINWOO! DON'T!
STOMP

HEY, CUT IT OUT, WILL Y...
SIRRRR...
MY FATHER KICKED ME OUT OF THE HOUSE...


...I THOUGHT YOU HAD YOUR OWN PLACE.
WELL... THE APARTMENT I WAS LIVING IN WAS BOUGHT UNDER MY FATHER'S NAME, SO...
SIR, COULD I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I CRASHED AT YOUR PLACE FOR A WHILE?
CREAK

JINWOO, WHO IS IT? SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
NOPE, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.

SIRRRRR!!
BANG
BANG
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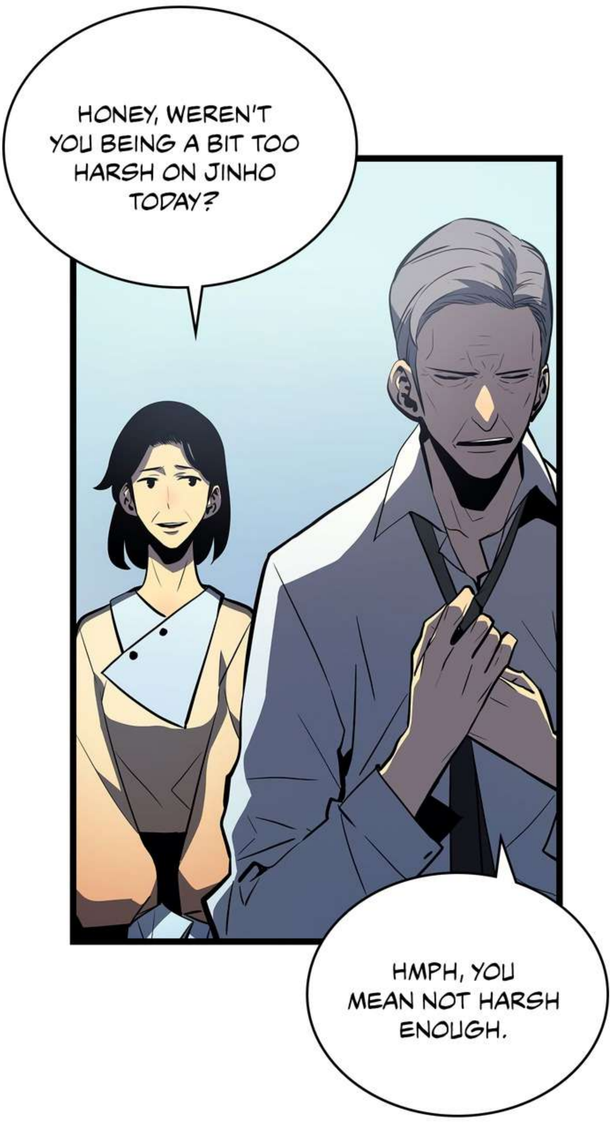
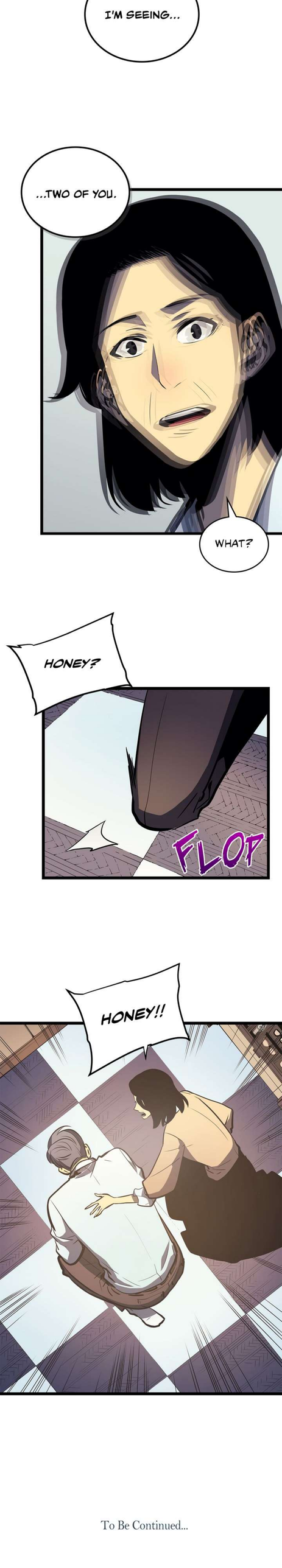
SIR, PLEASE!!


HONEY, WEREN'T YOU BEING A BIT TOO HARSH ON JINHO TODAY?
HMPH, YOU MEAN NOT HARSH ENOUGH.

IF HE TRULY WANTED TO MAKE SOMETHING OF HIMSELF, HE SHOULD'VE PAVED HIS OWN PATH, BUT INSTEAD...
...HE DECIDED TO WORK FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

WINCE

HOW STRANGE.
WHAT'S WRONG?



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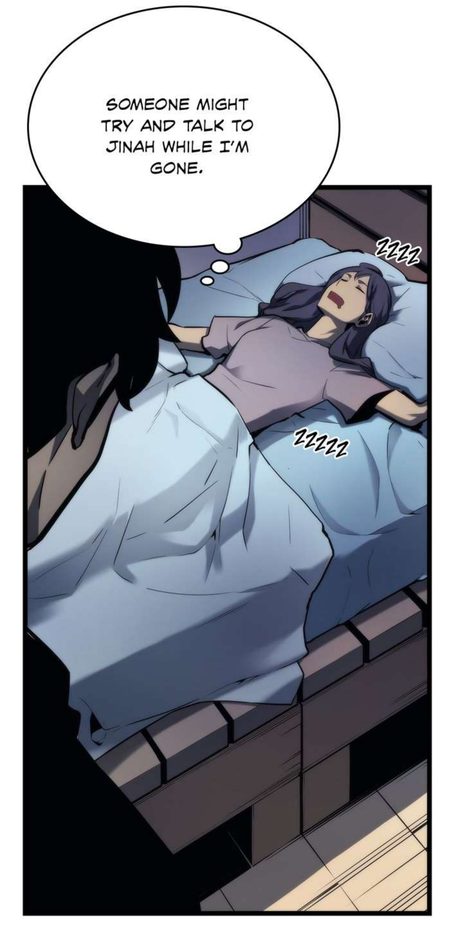
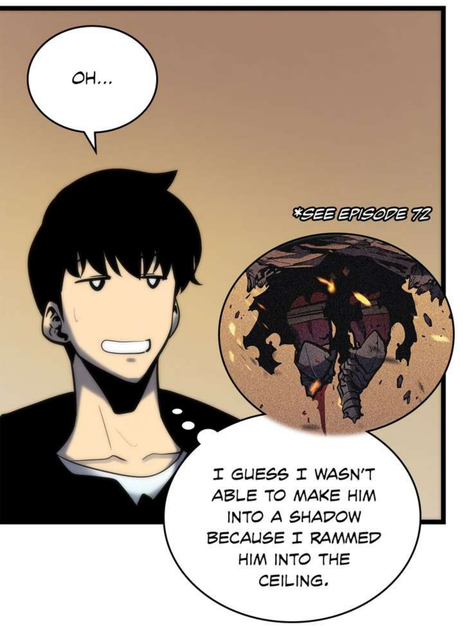


COME FORTH.
FSHHH

ONE SHADOW SOLDIER SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FEND OFF AN A-RANK HUNTER.

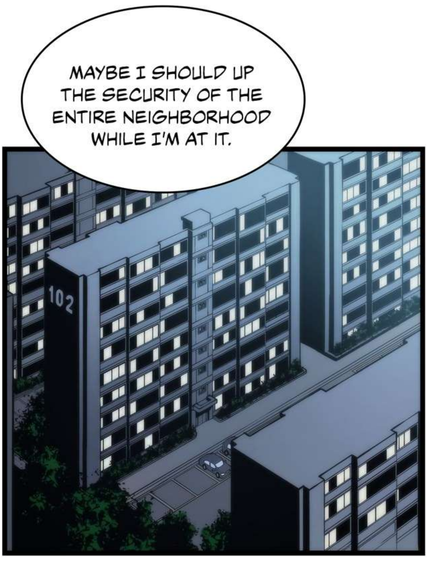
DIDN'T TUSK HAVE FOUR GUARDS?
WHY ARE THERE ONLY THREE OF YOU HERE?


OH...
*SEE EPISODE 72
I GUESS I WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE HIM INTO A SHADOW BECAUSE I RAMMED HIM INTO THE CEILING.

TWO OF YOU CAN GO BACK INSIDE.

AS FOR YOU, GUARD MY SISTER. I'LL LET YOU KEEP THE OTHER TWO AS BACKUP.

DTS
FSHHH


MAYBE I SHOULD UP THE SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE I'M AT IT.
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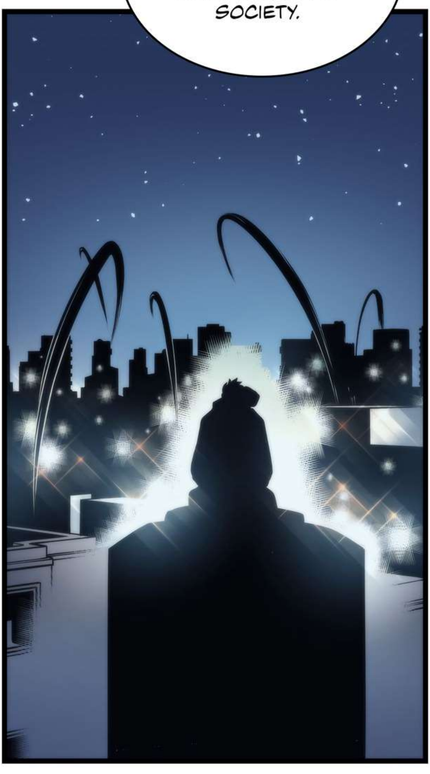
FROM NOW ON, YOU GUYS ARE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP.
BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE SEEN BY ANYONE WHILE MAKING YOUR ROUNDS.

AND PATROL THE AREA.

EVEN IF A MURDERER WERE TO APPEAR, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST MY SHADOW SOLDIERS, UNLESS THEY'RE A HIGH-RANKING HUNTER.

I GUESS THIS IS MY SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY.



DID YOU SLEEP OKAY LAST NIGHT?
VROOM

YEP. MOTELS THESE DAYS SEEM TO HAVE GREAT FACILITIES.
GOOD. STAY THERE UNTIL I FIND AN OFFICE SPACE FOR OUR GUILD.

I DIDN'T THINK HE'D ACTUALLY TURN DOWN THE GUILD MASTER POSITION.

BUT HE TURNED IT DOWN FOR ME, SO... I CAN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING BAD.
BY THE WAY, WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE AT DAESUNG TOWER SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?

SLIDE

I'LL BE BACK.

[YOU HAVE ENTERED THE DEMONS' CASTLE DUNGEON.]

FROM THIS POINT ON, THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THIS DUNGEON IS GOING TO INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY.

THAT'S WHY I CAME PREPARED.

THESE NEW ITEMS WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE COMBUSTIVE FLAMES INSIDE THIS FIELD DUNGEON.
FLAP

I PURCHASED A "WIND ROBE" AND A NAMELESS RING IMBUED WITH WATER MAGIC ATTRIBUTES.

[REGULAR QUEST: COLLECT THE DEMONS' SOULS! (2)]

THE DEMON KING, "BARAN," RESIDES ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE DEMONS' CASTLE. DEFEAT BARAN AND COLLECT HIS SOUL.

[QUEST REQUIREMENTS]
-DEFEAT THE DEMON KING

[REWARDS]
-1. TOP-TIER RUNE STONE
-2. BONUS STATS +30
-3. UNDISCLOSED REWARD

THE REWARDS ARE BETTER THAN LAST TIME.

[TOP-TIER RUNE STONE: SHADOW EXCHANGE]
BREAKING THIS TOP-TIER RUNE STONE WILL GRANT YOU A JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.

A RUNE STONE THAT GRANTS A JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL, HUH?

SHADOW EXTRACTION.

[SHADOW EXTRACTION]

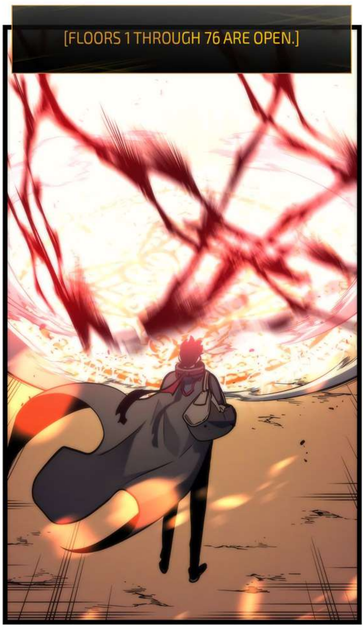
SHADOW PRESERVATION.

[SHADOW PRESERVATION]

[MONARCH'S DOMAIN]

MONARCH'S DOMAIN.

I'VE ACQUIRED THREE JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS SO FAR, AND EACH ONE HAS BEEN REMARKABLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS NEXT ONE.

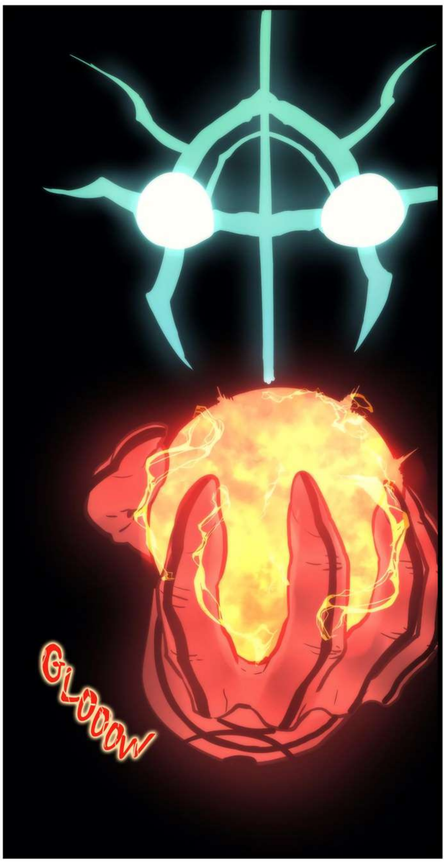

[FLOORS 1 THROUGH 76 ARE OPEN.]

[WHICH FLOOR WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCESS?]
76.

WHOOOOSH

RUMBLE

FLASH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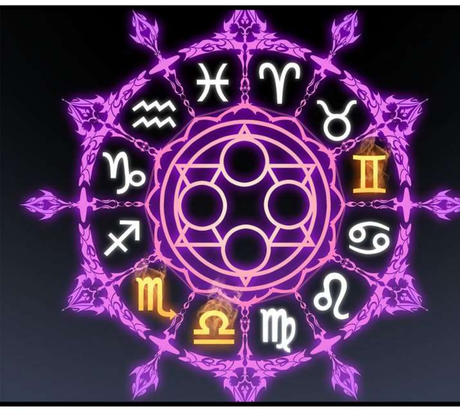

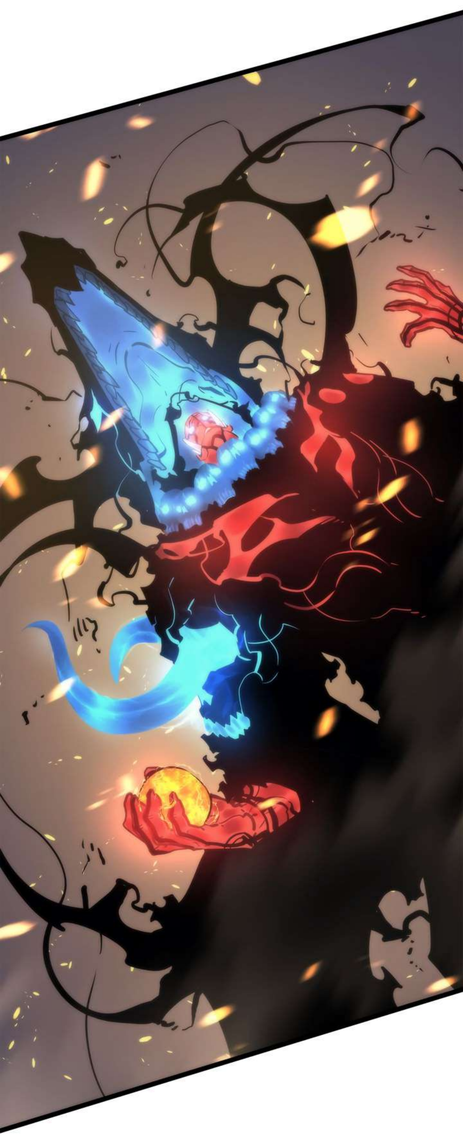

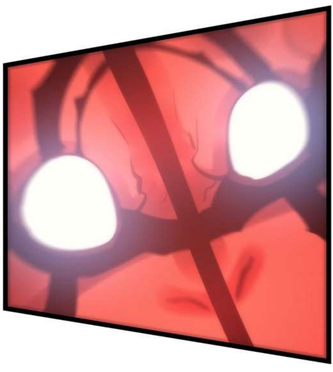

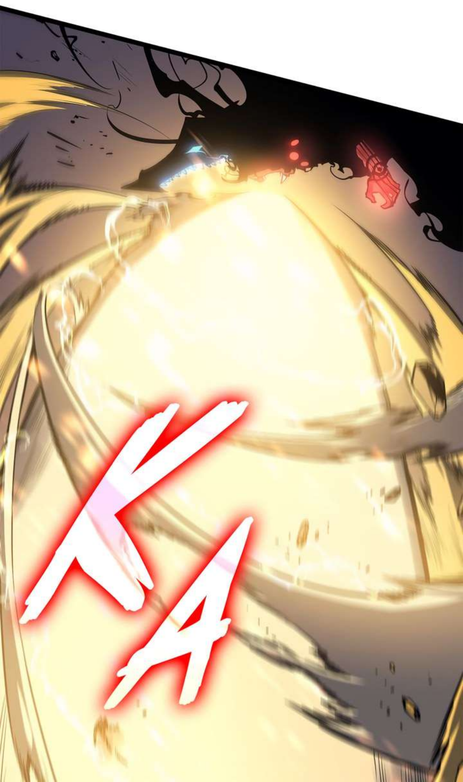
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BOOOOOM

[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A TOP-RANKING DEMON.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,700 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON LORD.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 2,200 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
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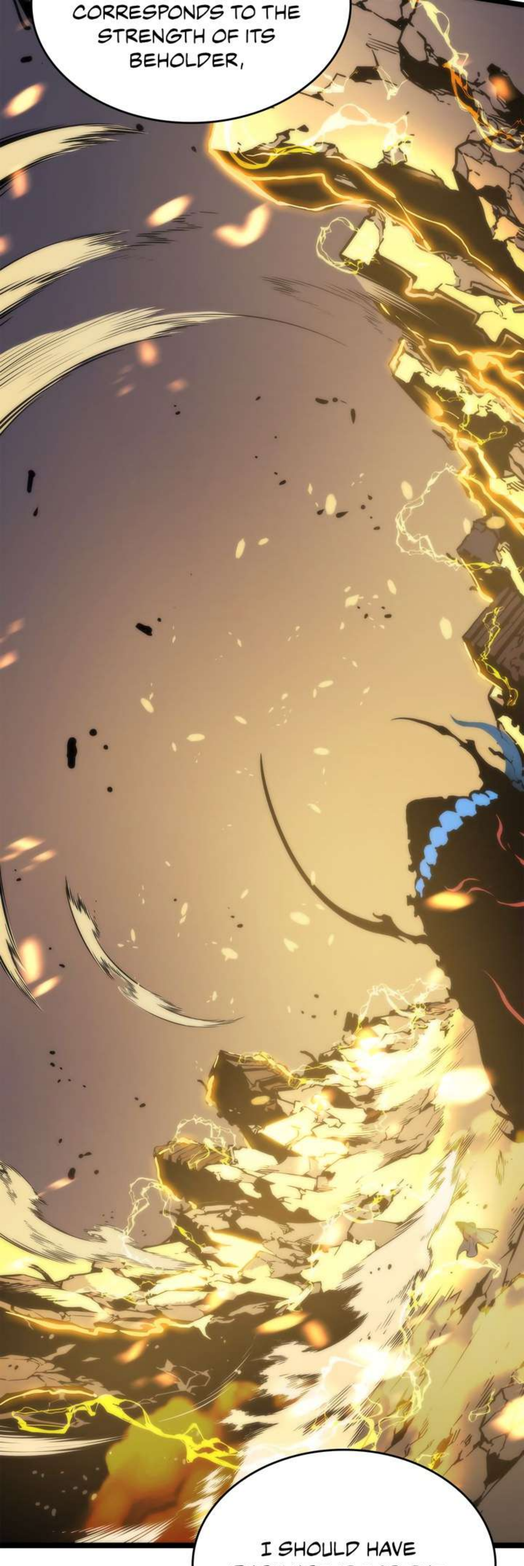
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,700 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON LORD.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 2,200 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
BLAZE
FWOOSH
BOOM
BOOM

INCREDIBLE.
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS THE ORB OF AVARICE, HE MUST'VE BEEN NERFED WHEN HE BECAME ONE OF MY SHADOW SOLDIERS...
SINCE THE ORB OF AVARICE'S POWER



I SHOULD HAVE TUSK USE IT FOR THE TIME BEING.

STATUS

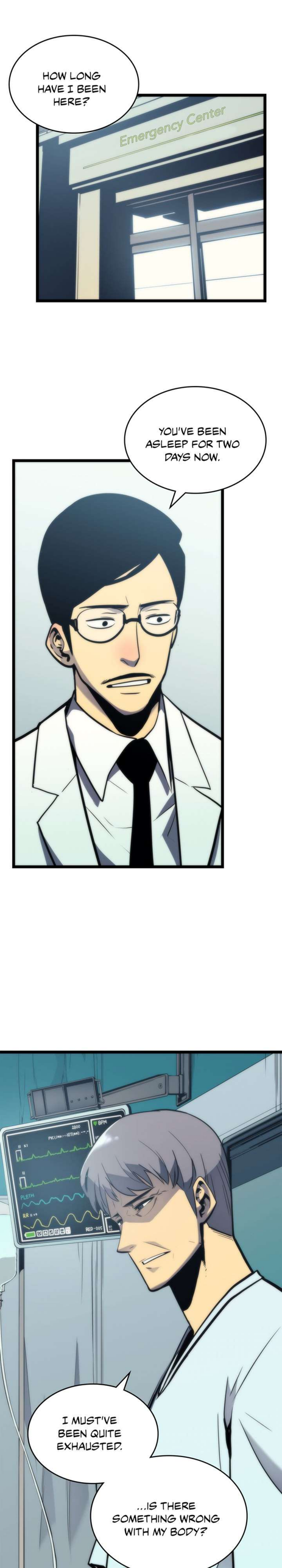
NAME: SUNG JINWOO LV.81
JOB: THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS
TITLE: CONQUEROR OF ADVERSITY (+1)

HP : 24,406 MP : 5,019
FATIGUE: 0

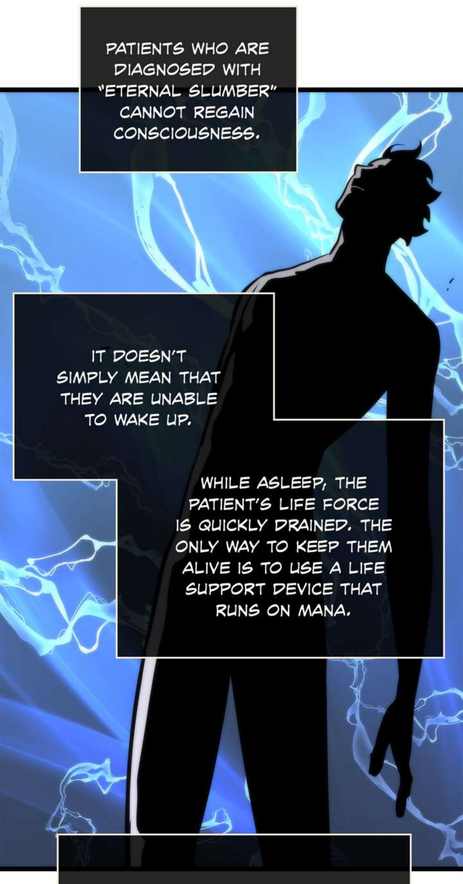
STRENGTH: 186 HEALTH: 145
AGILITY: 175 INTELLIGENCE: 189
SENSE: 126 AP : 0
PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 46%

-PASSIVE SKILLS
(UNKNOWN) LV.MAX TENACITY LV.1
ADVANCED DAGGER TECHNIQUES LV.2

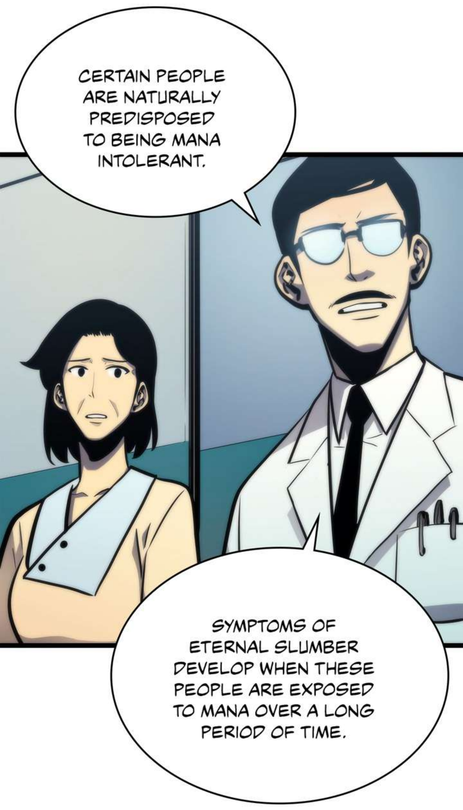
-ACTIVE SKILLS
SPEED LV.MAX CRITICAL ATTACK LV.MAX
BLOODLUST LV.1 DAGGER TOSS LV.2
CAMOUFLAGE LV.2 THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH LV.2


HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE?
Emergency Center
YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR TWO DAYS NOW.
I MUST'VE BEEN QUITE EXHAUSTED.
...IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY BODY?

HAVE YOU BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A HUNTER OR AN AWAKENED BEING, BY ANY CHANCE?
A HUNTER? WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ETERNAL SLUMBER BEFORE?


PATIENTS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH "ETERNAL SLUMBER" CANNOT REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.
IT DOESN'T SIMPLY MEAN THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO WAKE UP.
WHILE ASLEEP, THE PATIENT'S LIFE FORCE IS QUICKLY DRAINED. THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THEM ALIVE IS TO USE A LIFE SUPPORT DEVICE THAT RUNS ON MANA.
THE ONSET OF ETERNAL SLUMBER BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THE APPEARANCE OF GATES. THE DISEASE HAS KILLED MANY WHO COULD NOT AFFORD LIFE SUPPORT.

PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH ETERNAL SLUMBER EXPERIENCE CONSTANT DROWSINESS AND LATER FAIL TO WAKE UP FROM THEIR SLEEP.
BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HUNTERS?
IT IS SAID THAT MANA HAS A DEEP CORRELATION WITH ETERNAL SLUMBER.


CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY PREDISPOSED TO BEING MANA INTOLERANT.
SYMPTOMS OF ETERNAL SLUMBER DEVELOP WHEN THESE PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED TO MANA OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

YOU MUST BE CAREFUL OF ESSENCE STONES, MANA CRYSTALS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ENDOWED WITH MANA.
JUDGING FROM THE SUDDEN DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SYMPTOMS, THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOME KIND OF TRIGGER.

MR. YOO, IS THERE...

...A HUNTER IN YOUR FAMILY?

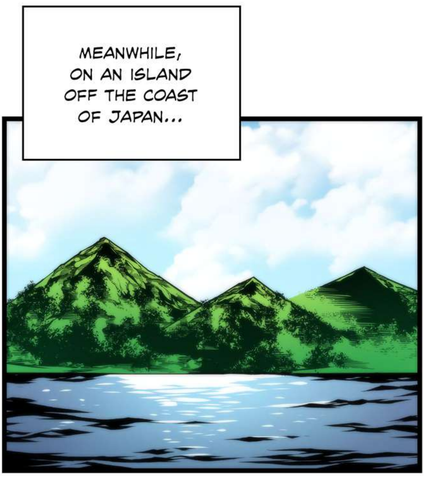
WITH EACH PASSING DAY, MORE AND MORE PRACTICAL USES OF MANA ARE BEING DISCOVERED,

AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENDOWED WITH MANA IS CONTINUING TO GROW AS WELL...

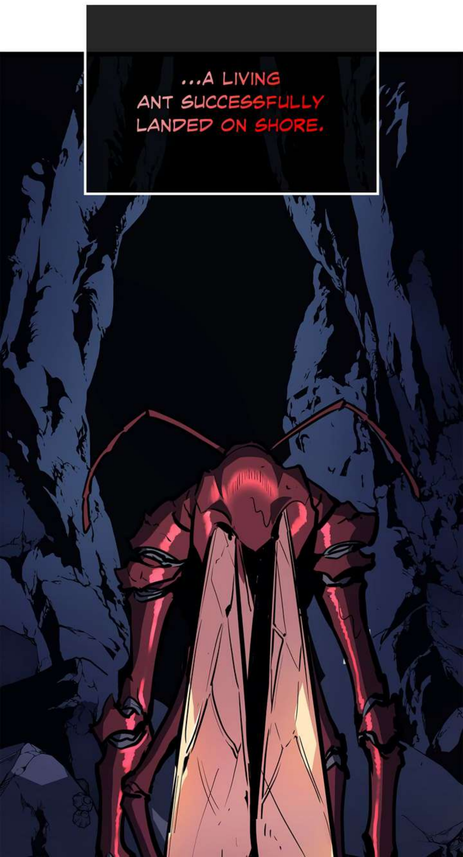
IN A WORLD LIKE THIS, PEOPLE WHO ARE MANA INTOLERANT ARE JUST...

I'VE BECOME A VICTIM OF NATURAL SELECTION.

BUT I NEVER LOSE.


MEANWHILE,
ON AN ISLAND
OFF THE COAST
OF JAPAN...

SHWAAA
SPLASH


...A LIVING
ANT SUCCESSFULLY
LANDED ON SHORE.

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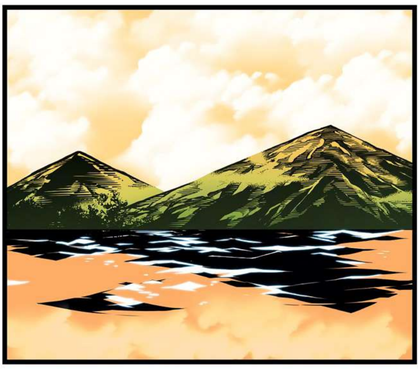
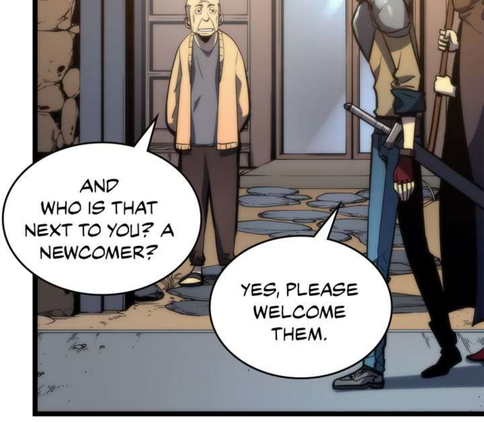
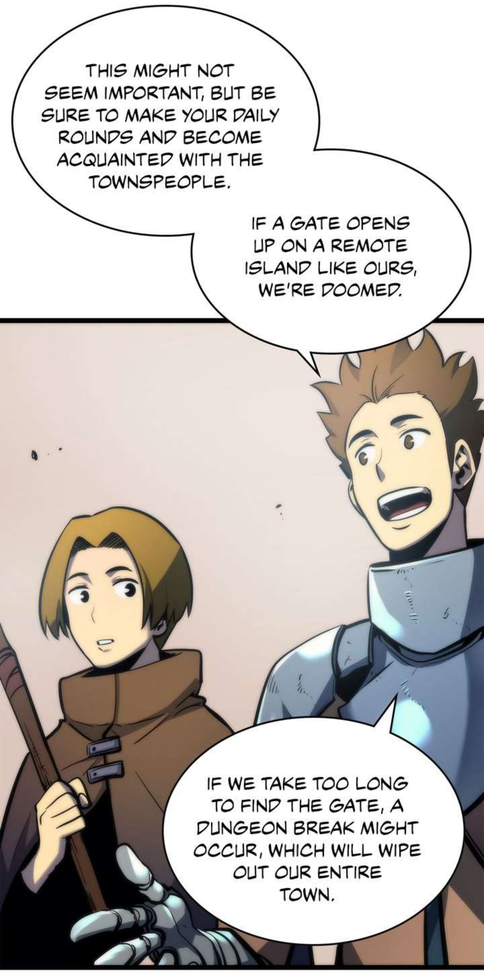
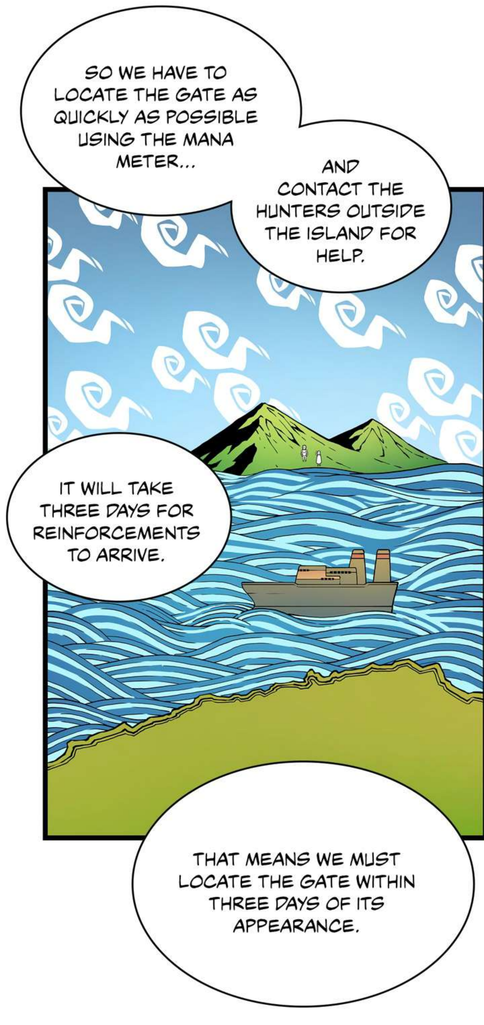


NOTHING BEATS THE PEACE AND QUIET.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE, MR. NOGAWA.
DON'T MENTION IT.


AND WHO IS THAT NEXT TO YOU? A NEWCOMER?
YES, PLEASE WELCOME THEM.


THIS MIGHT NOT SEEM IMPORTANT, BUT BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR DAILY ROUNDS AND BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE.
IF A GATE OPENS UP ON A REMOTE ISLAND LIKE OURS, WE'RE DOOMED.
IF WE TAKE TOO LONG TO FIND THE GATE, A DUNGEON BREAK MIGHT OCCUR, WHICH WILL WIPE OUT OUR ENTIRE TOWN.


SO WE HAVE TO LOCATE THE GATE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE USING THE MANA METER...
AND CONTACT THE HUNTERS OUTSIDE THE ISLAND FOR HELP.
IT WILL TAKE THREE DAYS FOR REINFORCEMENTS TO ARRIVE.
THAT MEANS WE MUST LOCATE THE GATE WITHIN THREE DAYS OF ITS APPEARANCE.

I'M A D-RANK AND YOU'RE AN E-RANK, BUT WE'RE THE ONLY HUNTERS IN THIS TOWN. WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND...
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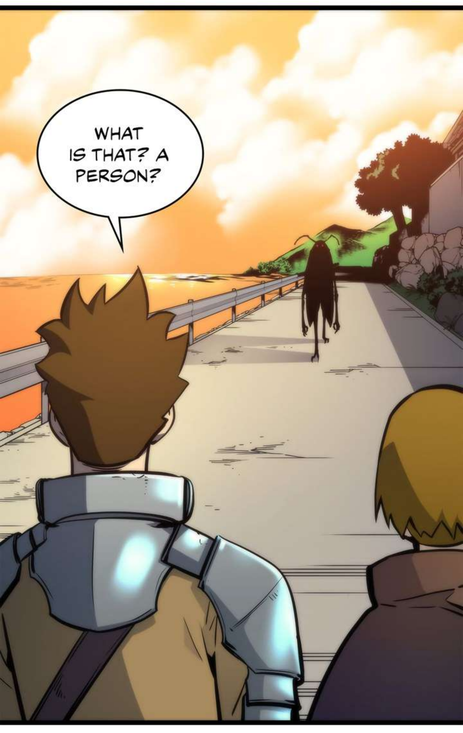
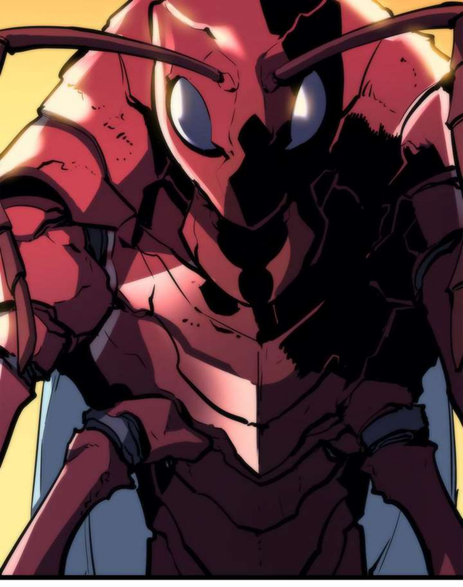
MR. NOGAWA, LOOK OVER THERE...


WHAT IS THAT? A PERSON?

WHO GOES THERE?



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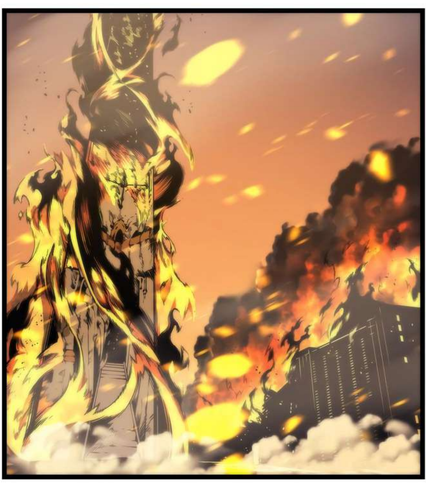
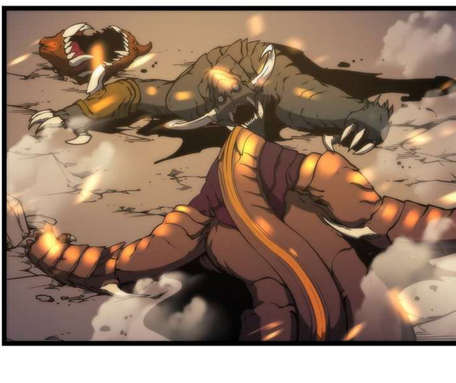
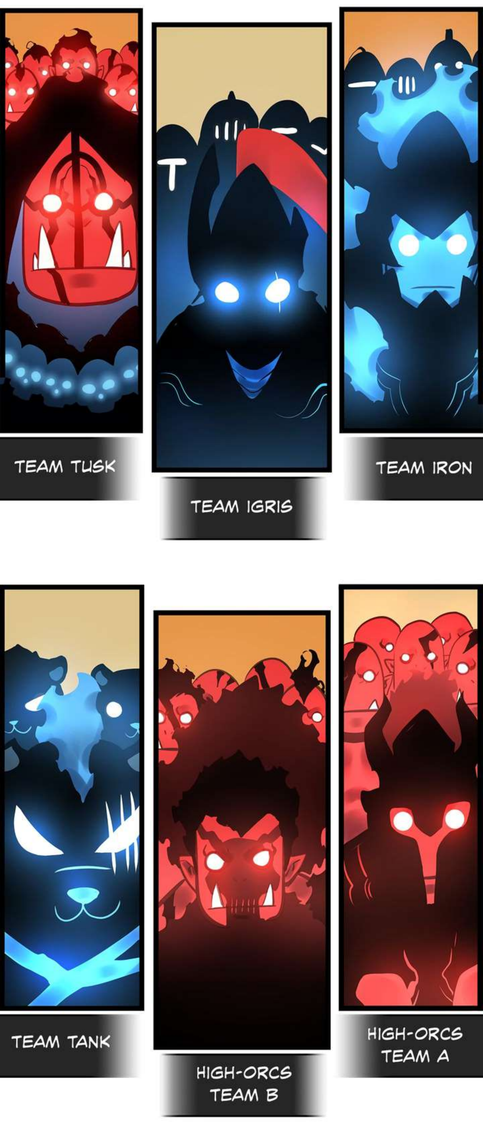




EVER SINCE MY INTELLIGENCE STAT INCREASED, THE GAP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF SHADOWS I CAN EXTRACT AND THE NUMBER OF SHADOWS I CAN PRESERVE HAS GROWN.
[NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS: 127/820]
[NUMBER OF PRESERVED SHADOWS: 127/155]
IF I COULD EXTRACT THESE DEMONS, I'D HAVE A HUGE ARMY BY NOW. WHAT A SHAME.

IT'LL BE INEFFICIENT FOR ALL OF MY SOLDIERS TO FOLLOW ME AROUND.
FROM THIS POINT ON, I HAVE TO OPERATE WITH EFFICIENCY.
WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT UP INTO...

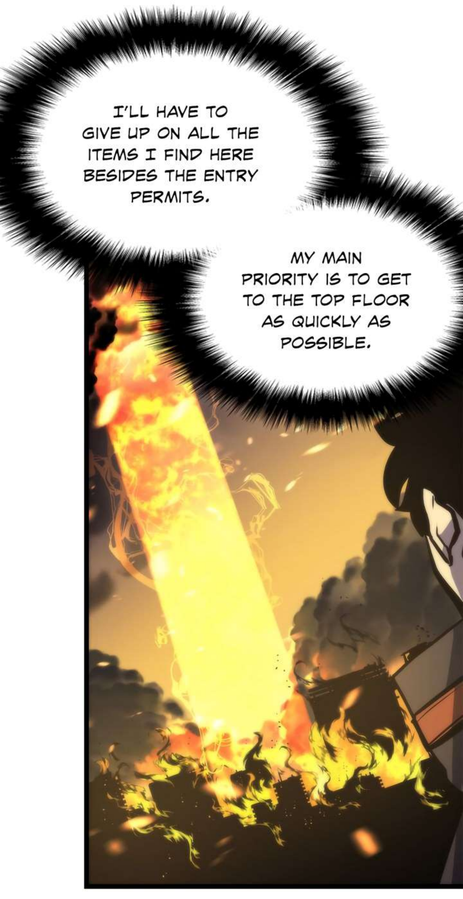
...SIX GROUPS IN TOTAL.

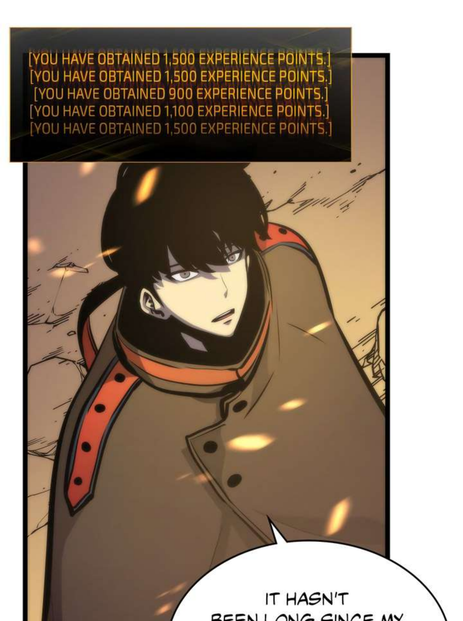

TEAM TUSK
TEAM IGRIS
TEAM IRON

TEAM TANK
HIGH-ORCS TEAM B
HIGH-ORCS TEAM A

YOU HAVE TWO TASKS.
ONE, SPLIT UP AND DEFEAT EVERY ENEMY YOU COME ACROSS.
TWO, REPORT TO ME WHEN YOU FIND THE ENTRY PERMIT FOR THE NEXT FLOOR.

DISPERSE.
DASH
DASH


I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP ON ALL THE ITEMS I FIND HERE BESIDES THE ENTRY PERMITS.
MY MAIN PRIORITY IS TO GET TO THE TOP FLOOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.


[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,500 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,500 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 900 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,100 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1,500 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
IT HASN'T

been long since my soldiers dispersed, yet I'm already gaining so many experience points.

this is convenient. I don't need to waste my time running around anymore.

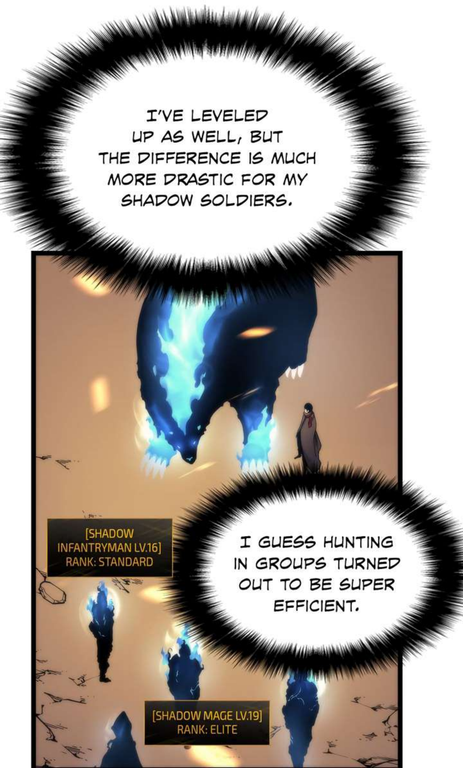
as long as my shadow soldiers don't get destroyed, I won't have to use any of my mana either.

but my mages and infantrymen will struggle a bit, since all the demons on this floor are high-ranking.

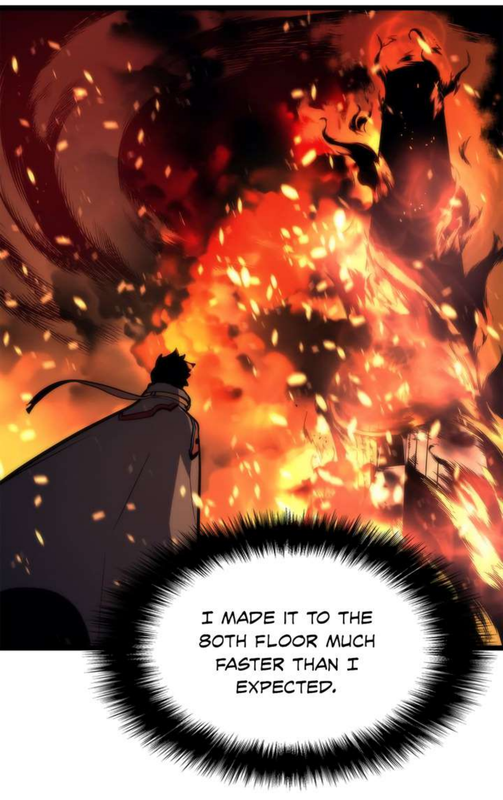
I'll have to use potions to constantly recharge my mana.

A FEW DAYS LATER

[SHADOW BEAST LV.24]
RANK: ELITE
WHAT'S THIS? TANK HAS LEVELED UP 10 LEVELS SINCE I LAST CHECKED.

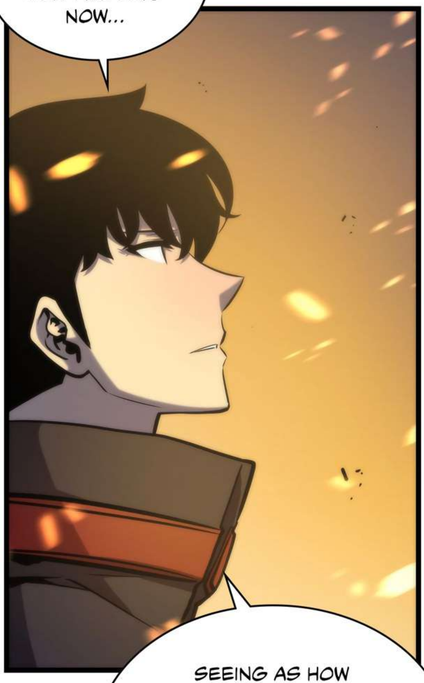

I'VE LEVELED UP AS WELL, BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS MUCH MORE DRASTIC FOR MY SHADOW SOLDIERS.
[SHADOW INFANTRYMAN LV.16]
RANK: STANDARD
I GUESS HUNTING IN GROUPS TURNED OUT TO BE SUPER EFFICIENT.
[SHADOW MAGE LV.19]
RANK: ELITE

I'VE GOT 20 MORE FLOORS TO GO.



I MADE IT TO THE 80TH FLOOR MUCH FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.

WE'VE BEEN ON THE 80TH FLOOR FOR TWO DAYS NOW...

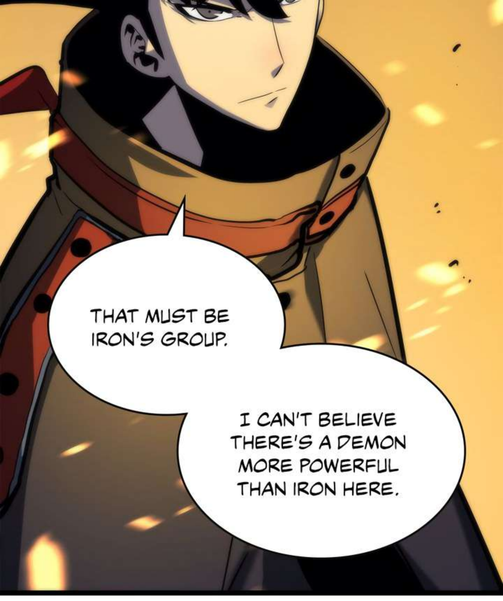


SEEING AS HOW THE ENTRY PERMIT HASN'T SHOWN UP YET... PERHAPS THERE ARE STRONGER DEMONS LURKING AROUND SOMEWHERE.

FLINCH
[MP : 4,282/5,672]

MY MANA IS BEING DRAINED AT AN INSANE RATE.
SOMEONE IS RELENTLESSLY DESTROYING MY SHADOWS RIGHT NOW!
IS THE BATTLE HAPPENING OVER THERE?

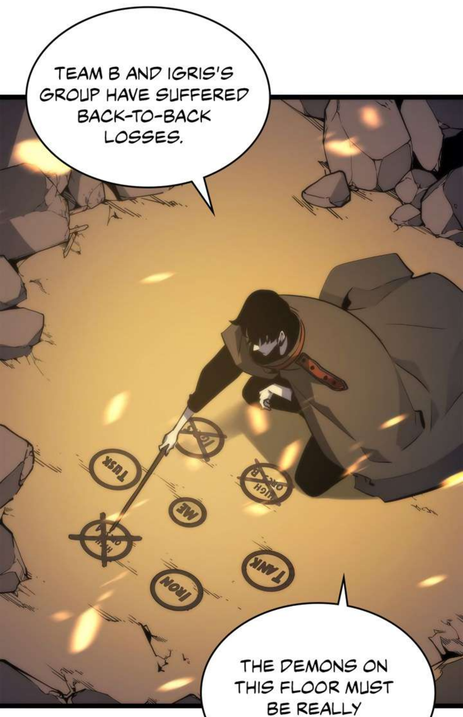
MY SOLDIERS CAN'T REGENERATE QUICKLY ENOUGH.
WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE MUCH STRONGER.

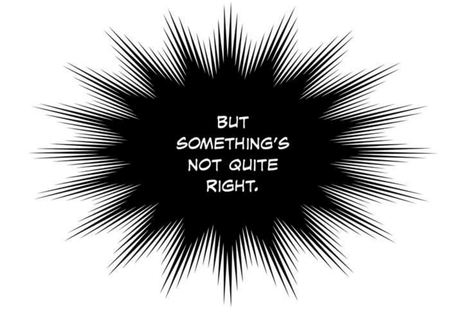

THAT MUST BE IRON'S GROUP.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A DEMON MORE POWERFUL THAN IRON HERE.

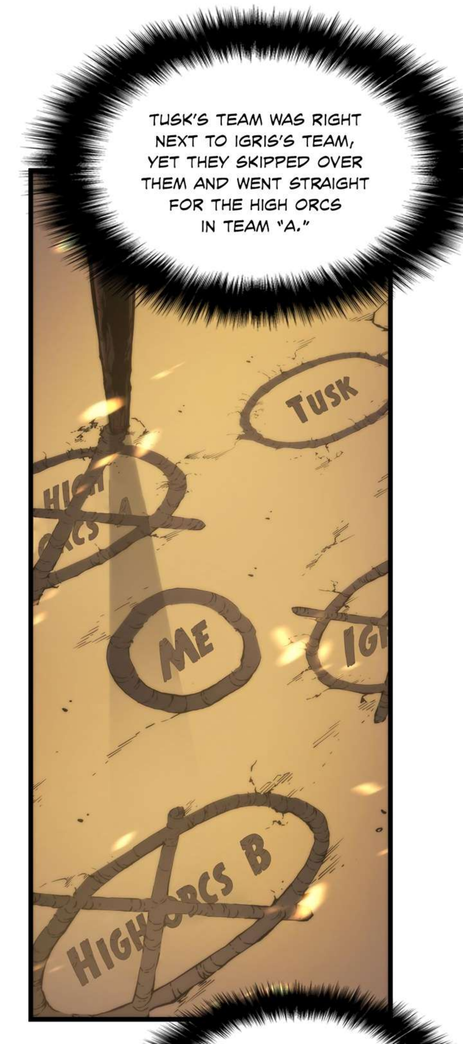
[MP : 3,231/5,672]

THIS LEAVES ME NO CHOICE. I HAVE TO CALL BACK MY SHADOWS.
FSHHH

THE NEXT DAY,
I HAD TO WITHDRAW MY TROOPS BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED ATTACKS.


TEAM B AND IGRIS'S GROUP HAVE SUFFERED BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES.
THE DEMONS ON THIS FLOOR MUST BE REALLY STRONG.


BUT SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE RIGHT.

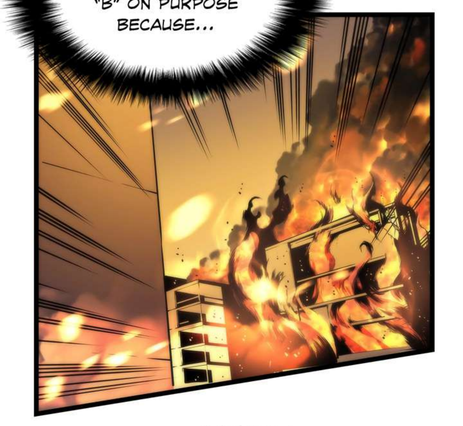

TUSK'S TEAM WAS RIGHT NEXT TO IGRIS'S TEAM, YET THEY SKIPPED OVER THEM AND WENT STRAIGHT FOR THE HIGH ORCS IN TEAM "A."
TUSK
ME
HIGH ORCS B

WAS IT BECAUSE THE DEMONS WEREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT TUSK?

THEY'RE PICKING AND CHOOSING OPPONENTS THEY CAN WIN AGAINST, WHICH MEANS...

...THEY'RE SMART ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY THEIR OPPONENTS' WEAKNESSES.

THEY ATTACKED THE HIGH ORCS OF TEAM "B" ON PURPOSE BECAUSE...



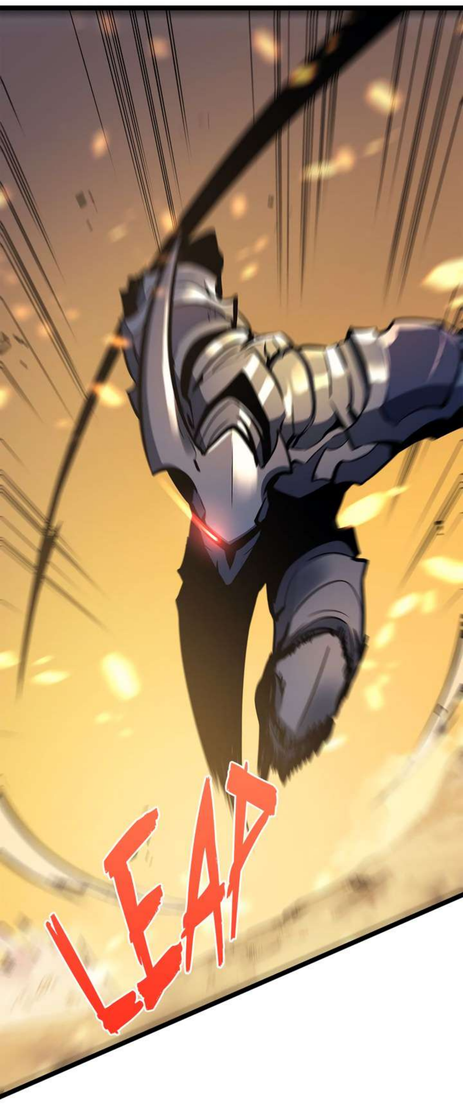
...THEIR NEXT TARGET IS...

THIS HAS TO BE THEIR NEXT DESTINATION.

...THERE THEY COME.

A DEMON NOBLE AND THREE DEMON KNIGHTS.

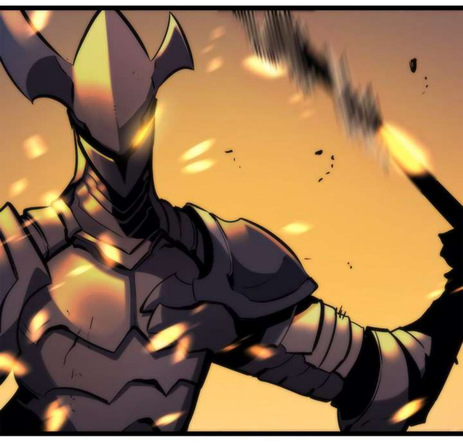
ROOOOAR!

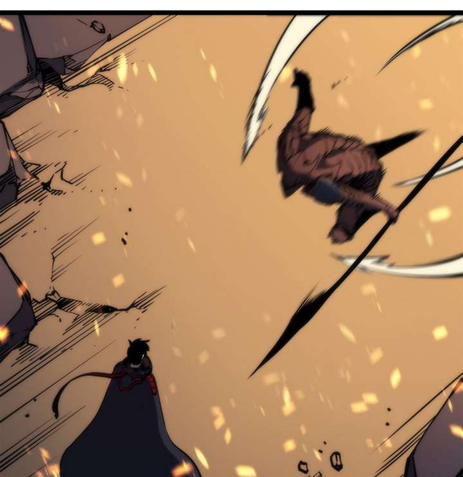

LEAP

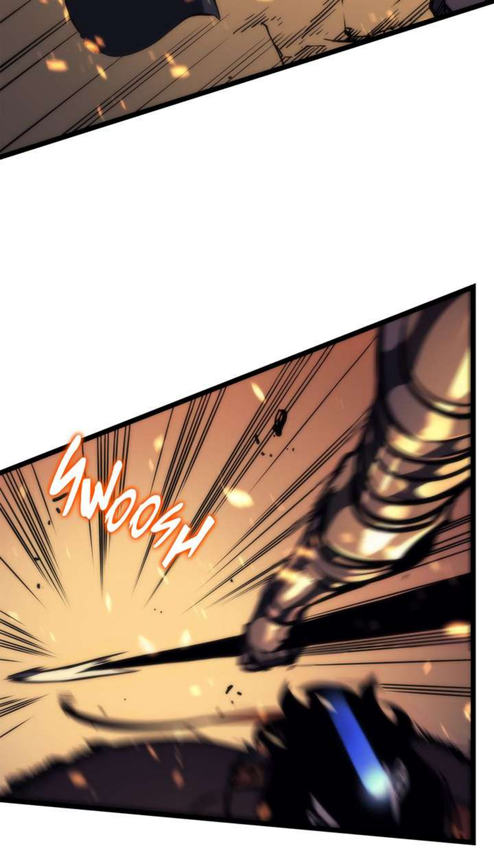
SLASH

SO THIS IS WHY MY SOLDIERS WEREN'T ABLE TO REGENERATE FAST ENOUGH.

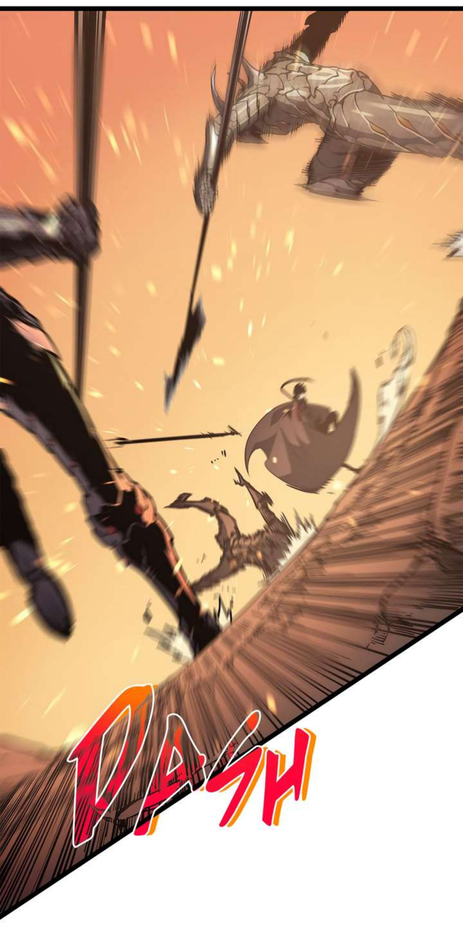
LOOKS LIKE MY SHADOW BEASTS DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
FSHH






SWOOSH

WHAM
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON KNIGHT.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 3,000 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]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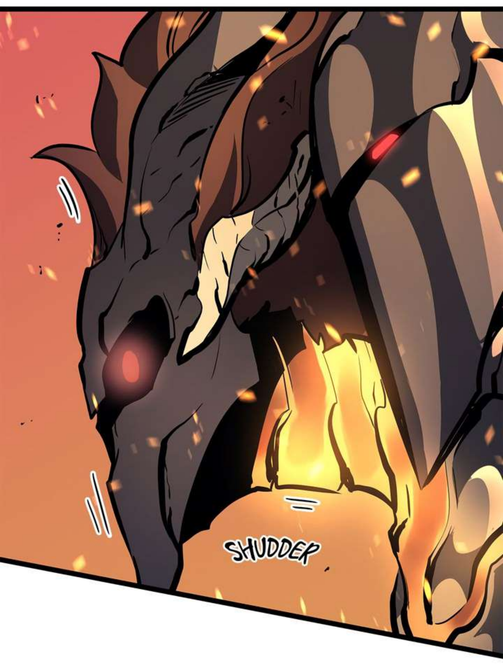
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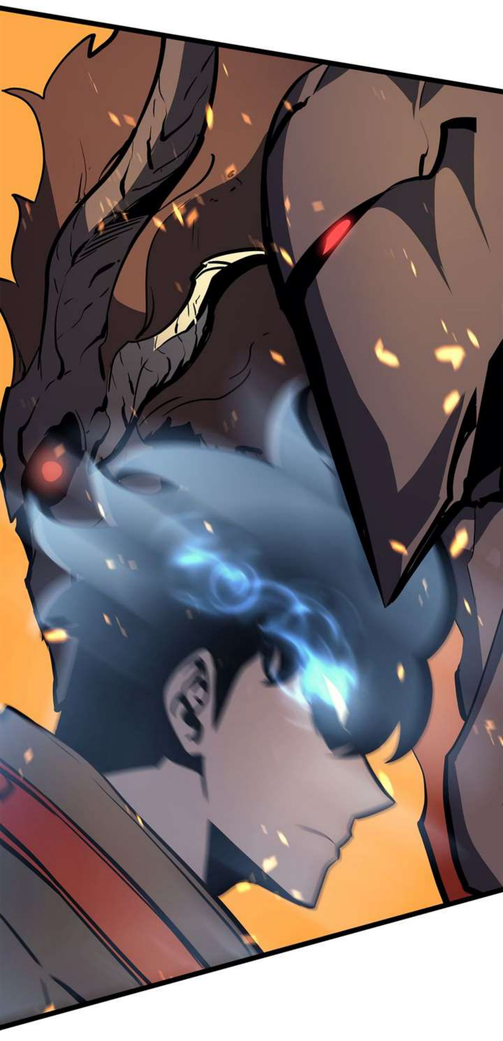

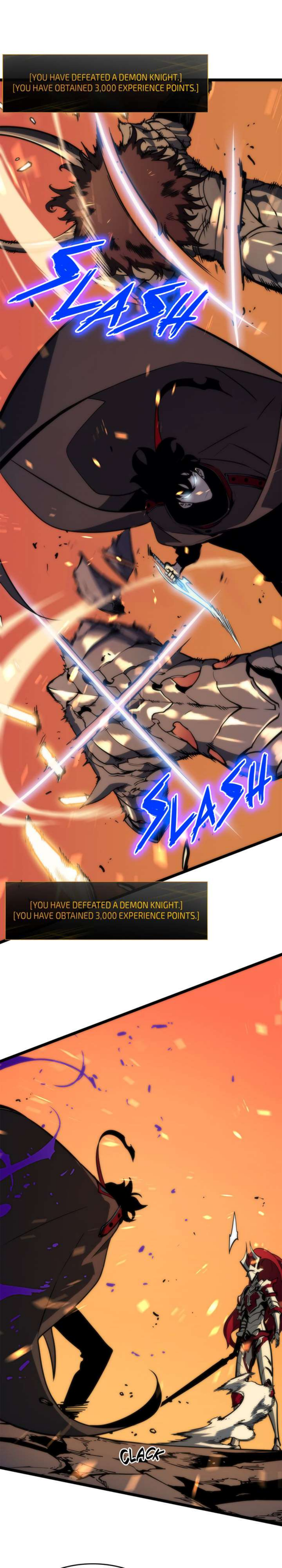
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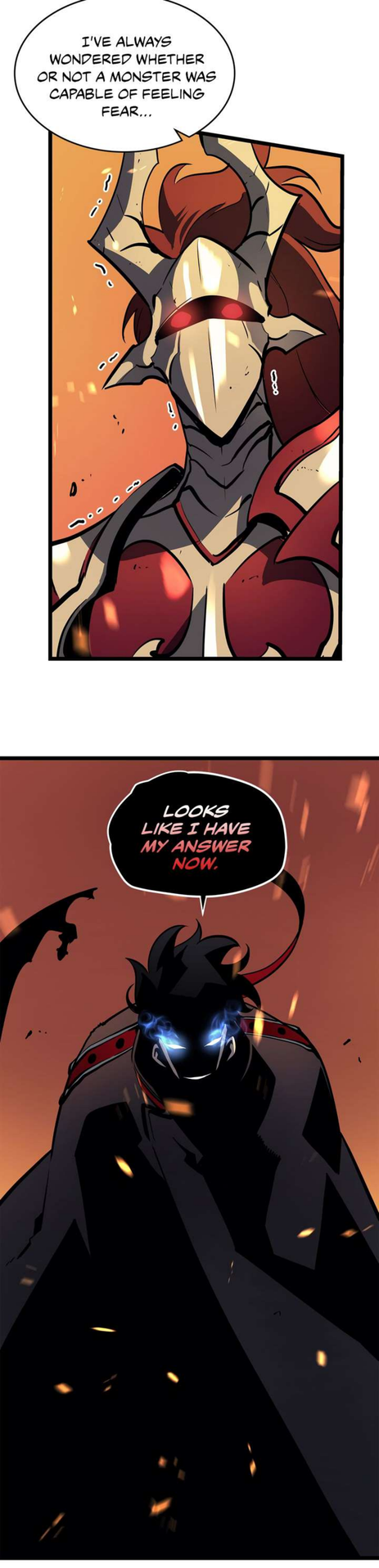

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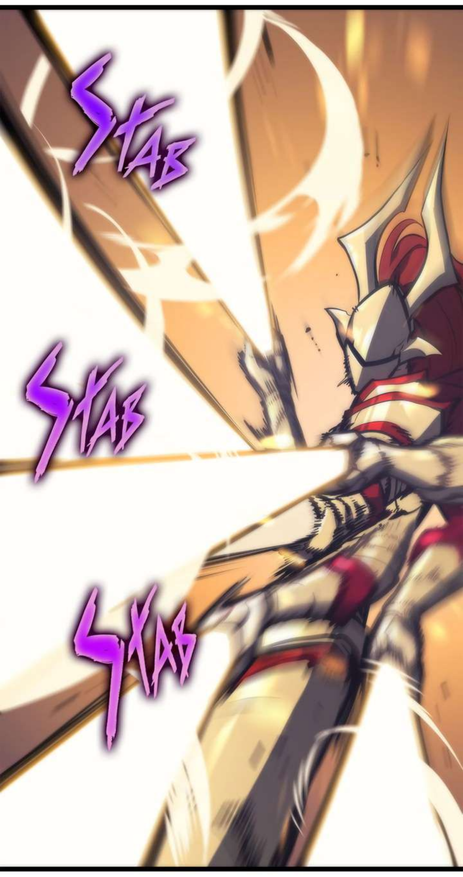
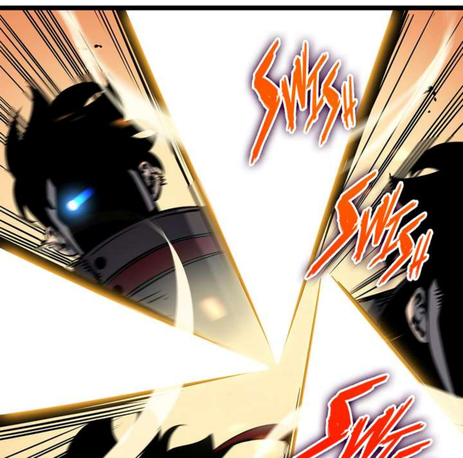




BOOM

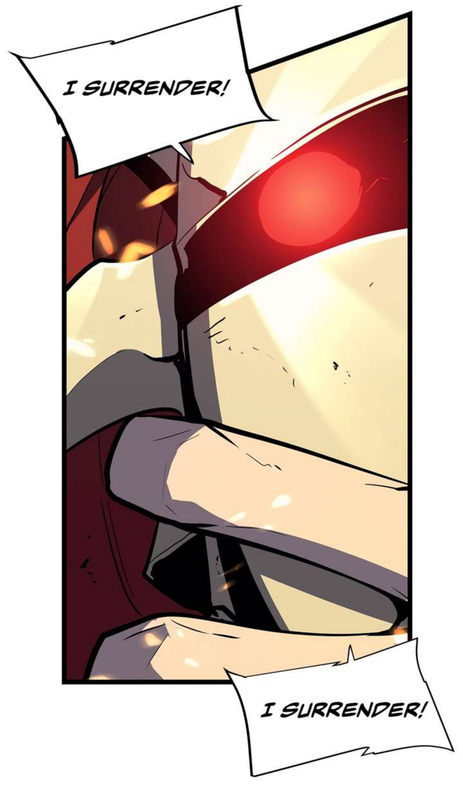
BOOM

KA BOOM

MY FOREHEAD, MY NECK, AND THEN MY HEART.
IT'S TARGETING ALL MY VITAL POINTS.
LOW-RANKING DEMONS, D-RANK
MID-RANKING DEMONS, C-RANK
HIGH-RANKING DEMONS, B-RANK
TOP-RANKING DEMONS, A-RANK
DEMON NOBLES AND INTERMEDIARY BOSSES, S-RANK
DEMON LORDS AND DEMON KNIGHTS, A+ RANK
I GUESS THIS IS ROUGHLY HOW THE TIER LEVELS LOOK LIKE FOR THE DEMONS' CASTLE.

SLICE

GRAB

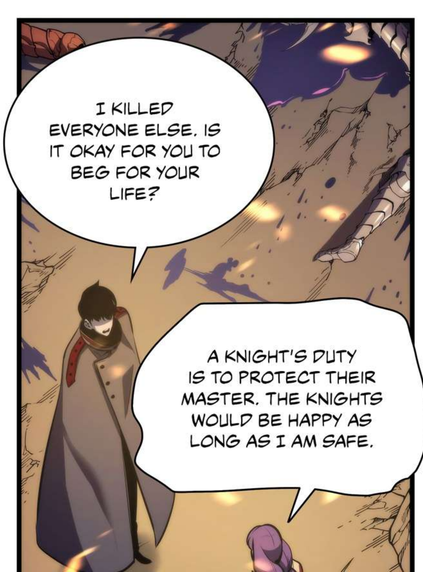

I SURRENDER!
I SURRENDER!

WEIRD.
I FEEL LIKE LATELY,
I'M RUNNING INTO A LOT

OF BEASTS THAT CAN SPEAK THE HUMAN LANGUAGE.
THIS VOICE...
ARE YOU...
FWIP
AH... AH!
...A WOMAN?
I, I'M SORRY. WE'RE THE ONES AT FAULT HERE.
P, PLEASE, JUST SPARE ME MY LIFE!

YOU ATTACKED MY SOLDIERS, AND NOW YOU'RE ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS?
W, WE'VE COMMITTED A TERRIBLE SIN!

HOWEVER, AS THE GUARDIANS OF THIS PLACE, WE COULDN'T JUST STAND BY AND LET SOME SCUMBAG...
OH! I MEAN...
SOME PERSON... HUNT DOWN ALL THE DEMONS. PLEASE FORGIVE ME!


I KILLED EVERYONE ELSE. IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BEG FOR YOUR LIFE?
A KNIGHT'S DUTY IS TO PROTECT THEIR MASTER. THE KNIGHTS WOULD BE HAPPY AS LONG AS I AM SAFE.

WHAT A SELFISH PERSON... I MEAN, DEMON.

SHE LOOKS SO HUMAN THAT IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT TO STAB HER...
AN OPENING!
SCHWING

CLANK

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
[TUSK HAS USED "SKILL: HYMN OF PROTECTION."]

SPARE MY LIFE AND I WILL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU ASK!!

AN ENTRY PERMIT.

M, MY CLAN HAS ONE STORED AWAY.

FLOAT

FLOAT

I'LL GIVE YOU THE PERMIT IF YOU TAKE ME TO THEM.

THE DEMONS ARE SAFEGUARDING THE PERMIT?

FLOAT

SO THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T FOUND THE PERMIT YET. I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS BEING KEPT IN A SEPARATE LOCATION.

FLOAT

I EVEN KNOW WHERE ALL THE ENTRY PERMITS TO THE OTHER FLOORS ARE, TOO.

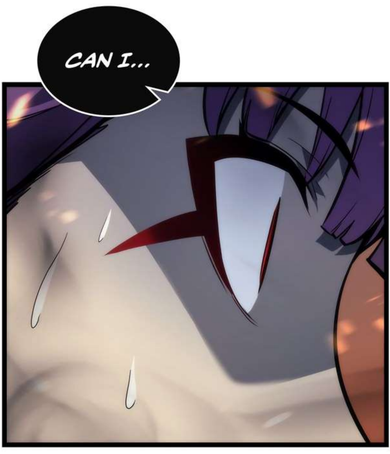
IF YOU GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF ME AND MY CLAN, I WILL BE YOUR GUIDE.

THAT'S A TEMPTING OFFER.

THE QUESTION IS, CAN I TRUST HER?

LEAN

BADUM
BADUM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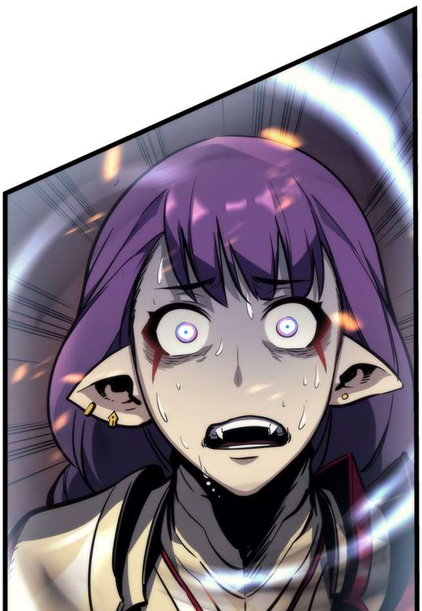
FSHHH
...TRUST YOU?



I, I'M...
NOT LYING.

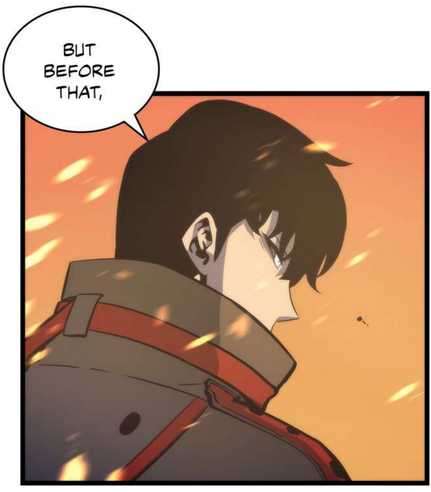
[SKILL: "BLOODLUST" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

I...I SWEAR.

FINE.

AS LONG AS YOU CAN GET ME THAT ENTRY PERMIT, I'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE QUIETLY.

TH, THANK YOU.



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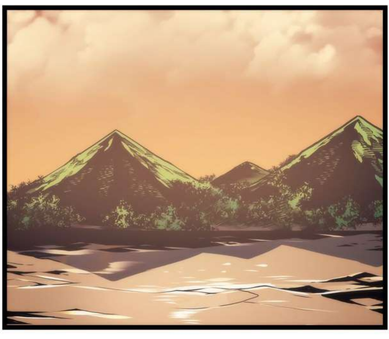

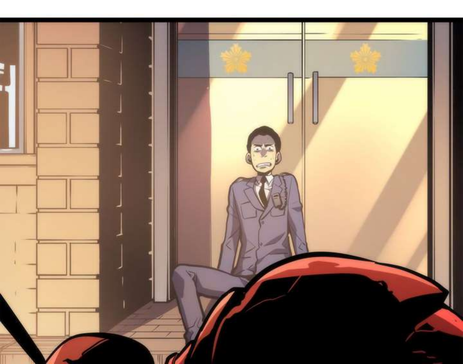

CRUNCH
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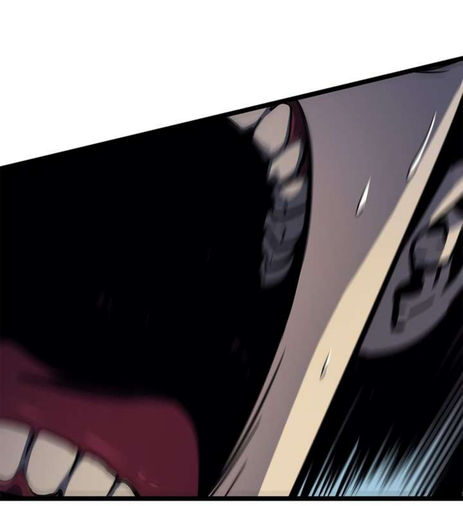
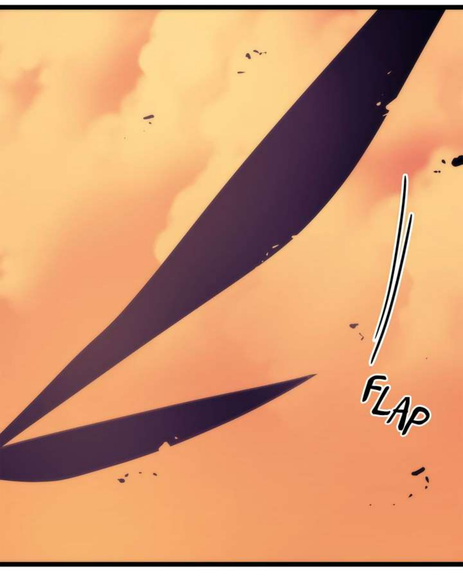
GLANCE

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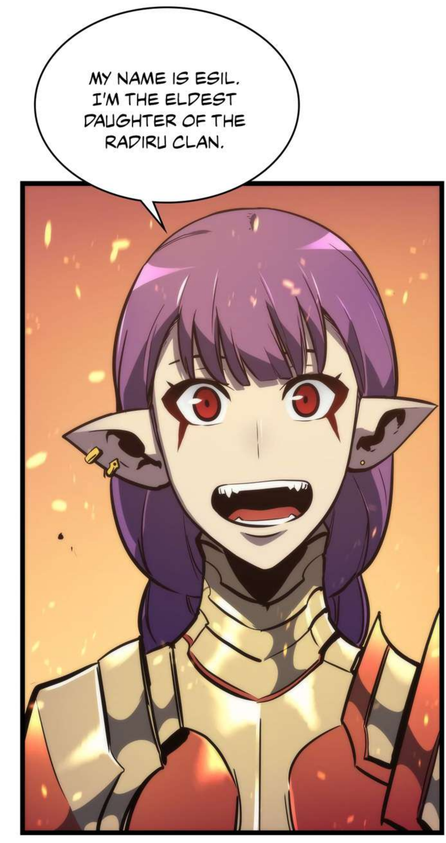
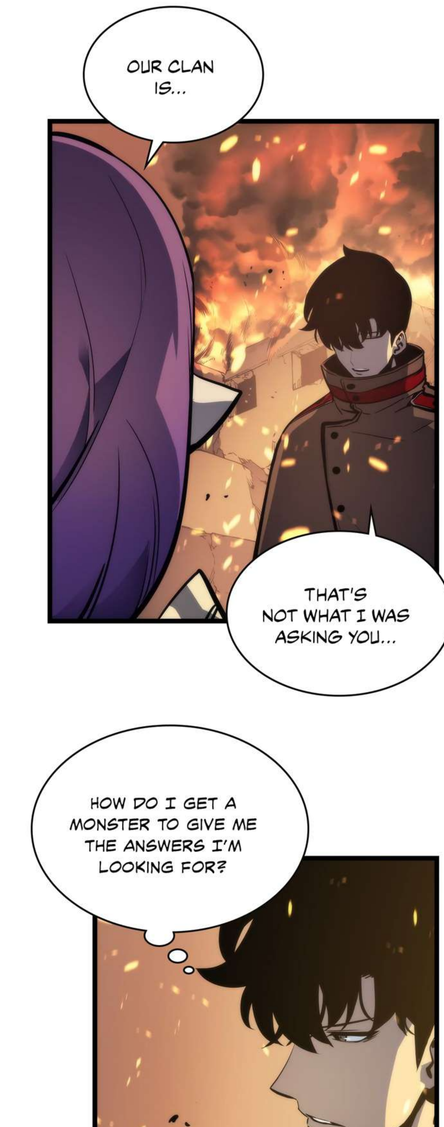
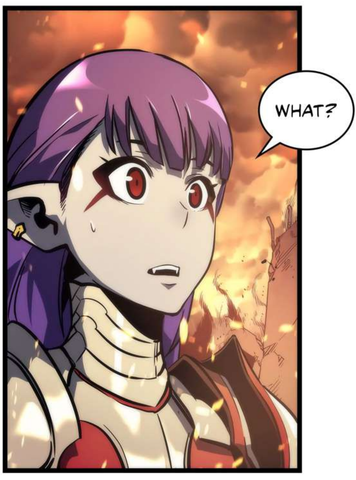

MY NAME IS ESIL. I'M THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE RADIRU CLAN.


OUR CLAN IS...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS ASKING YOU...

HOW DO I GET A MONSTER TO GIVE ME THE ANSWERS I'M LOOKING FOR?

DO YOU HEAR A VOICE INSIDE YOUR HEAD TELLING YOU TO KILL HUMANS?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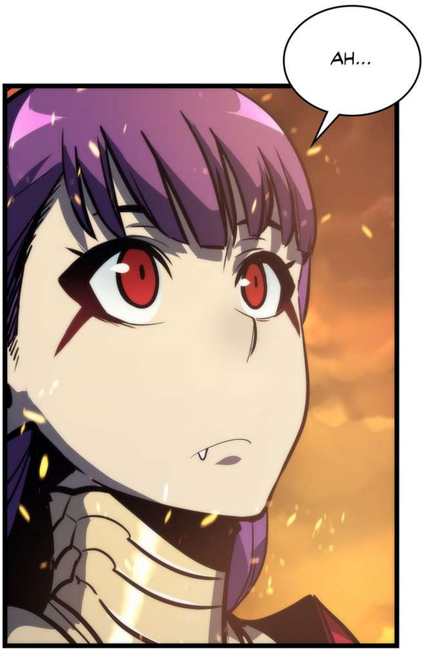
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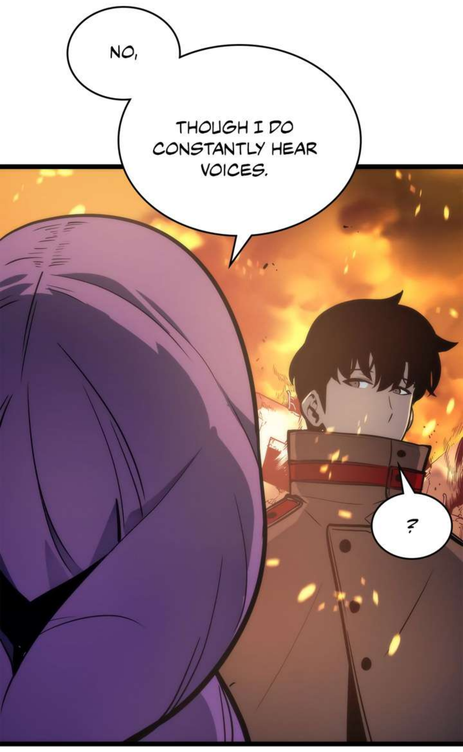
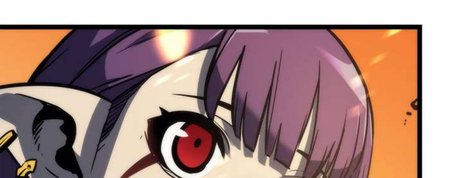

NO,
THOUGH I DO CONSTANTLY HEAR VOICES.
?

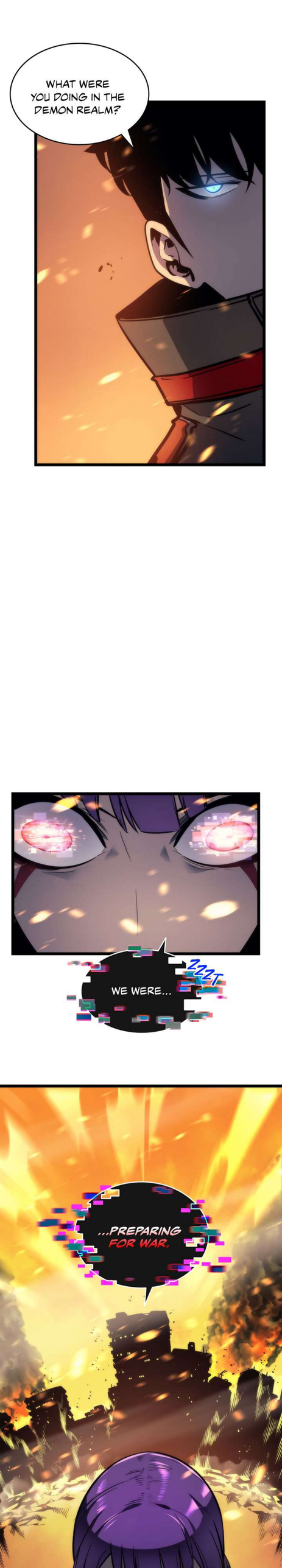
THE VOICES TELL ME TO PROTECT THE PLACE I AM OCCUPYING.

THESE MONSTERS EXIST FOR A DIFFERENT REASON.
MAGIC BEASTS AIM TO KILL HUMANS, WHILE THESE MONSTERS AIM TO PROTECT THE INSTANCE DUNGEON.

AM I SOMETHING LIKE A MAGIC BEAST TO THESE MONSTERS THEN?
SO YOU HEAR VOICES. HOW LONG HAS THAT BEEN GOING ON?



EVER SINCE WE WOKE UP IN THIS PLACE.
THEY WOKE UP HERE?
THEN ARE THEY ORIGINALLY FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE?
PERHAPS THIS IS A CLUE THAT WILL HELP ME UNDERSTAND THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE SYSTEM.
THEN WHERE DID YOU LIVE BEFORE WAKING UP IN THIS CASTLE?
IN THE DEMON REALM. WE JUST FOUND OURSELVES HERE ONE DAY.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...PREPARING FOR WAR.

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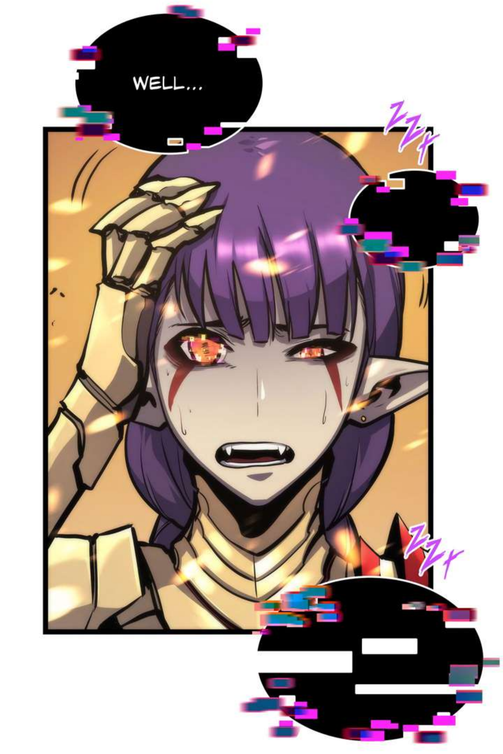
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN. THE SAME PATTERN OF EVENTS OCCURRED BACK WHEN I ASKED BARUKA QUESTIONS, TOO.
THE SYSTEM IS TERMINATING THE CONVERSATION BY FORCE.

THIS PROBABLY MEANS MY CONVERSATION WITH HER HAD SOME KIND OF CLUE.

LEVELING UP, INSTANCE DUNGEONS, QUESTS, MISSIONS, REWARDS, PENALTIES, AND JOB CHANGES.
ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE CREATED A GAMELIKE

BE FAR-FETCHED TO ASSUME
THAT THESE MONSTERS ARE
JUST ANOTHER ELEMENT
OF GAMEPLAY.
WHAT KIND OF
POWERFUL ENEMIES
WERE YOU PREPARING
TO FIGHT AGAINST?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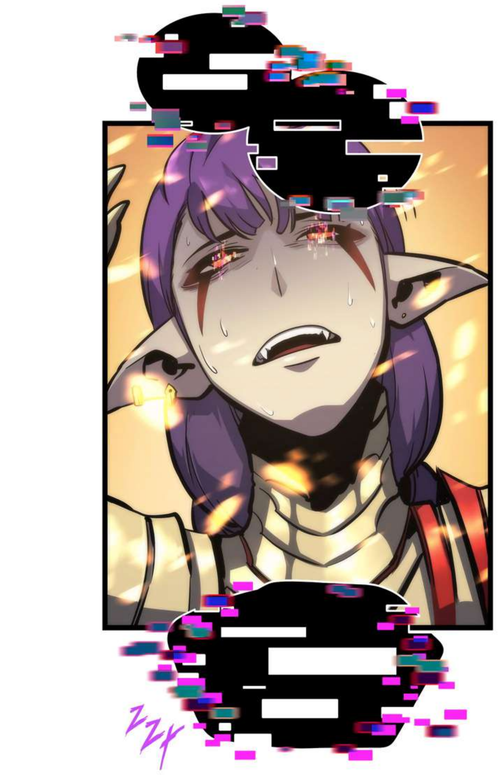
ZZZ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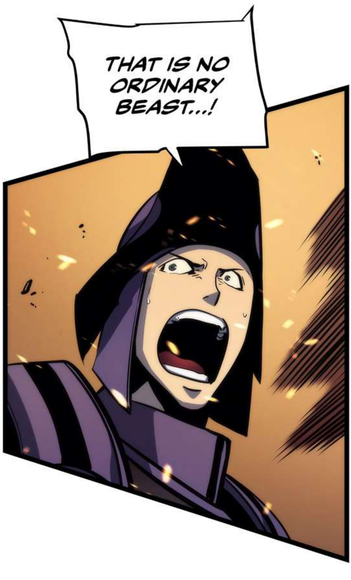
THE SYSTEM REACTED STRONGLY WHEN I ASKED HER ABOUT HER ENEMIES.

THE POWERS OF THE SYSTEM ARE OTHERWORLDLY.

IF THE SYSTEM HAPPENS TO BE INFLUENCING ME OR THE WORLD AT LARGE, THAT MEANS...

THE ENEMIES THAT THE DEMONS WERE BATTLING...
COULD THEY HOLD THE ANSWER TO ALL THIS?
SLASH

A MAGIC BEAST!!
CLANG
SWISH
CLANG
QUICK, BARRAGE IT WITH ATTACKS!
SWISH
CLANG


THAT IS NO ORDINARY BEAST...!

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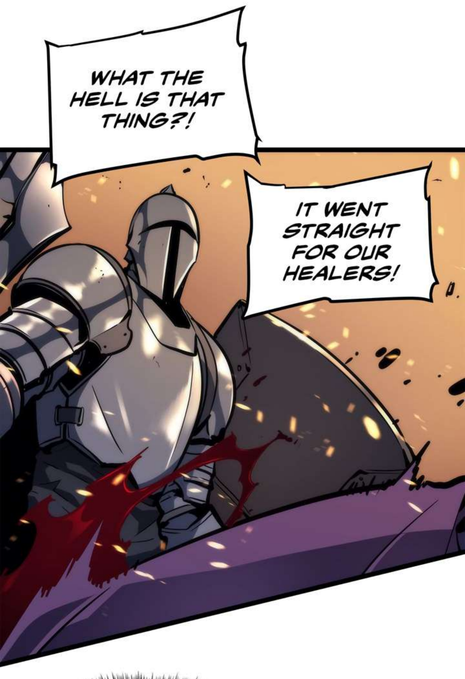
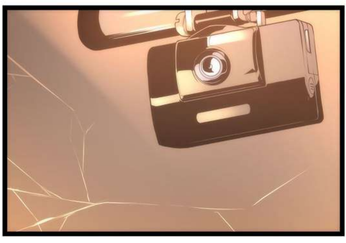

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING?!
IT WENT STRAIGHT FOR OUR HEALERS!

OUR WEAKEST E-RANK HUNTERS WERE ATTACKED FIRST.
AFTER DECREASING OUR NUMBERS, IT GOT RID OF OUR HEALERS IN ORDER TO WEAKEN OUR FORCES!

IT KNOWS THAT IT'LL BE PUT AT A DISADVANTAGE THE LONGER THIS BATTLE DRAGS OUT!



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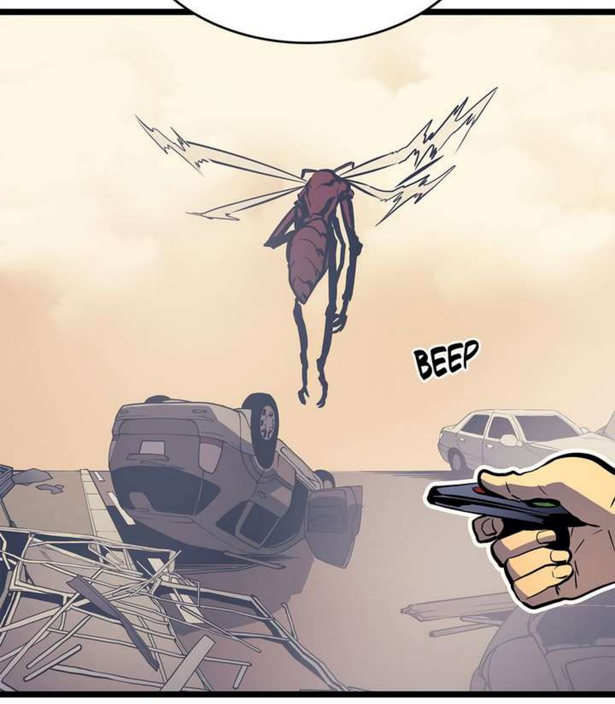
RECORDING IS THE ONLY FOOTAGE OF THE ANT WE HAVE.



THE MUTANT ANT THAT APPEARED RECENTLY WAS DEFEATED IN A SINGLE DAY.

IT WAS FIRST DISCOVERED ON A SMALL ISLAND NEXT TO THE REGION WHERE IT WAS EXTERMINATED. WE GATHER IT MUST'VE TRAVERSED HERE AFTER COMPLETING ITS HUNT ON THE ISLAND.

THANKS TO THE HUNTERS WHO RESPONDED TO OUR EMERGENCY CALL, THE THREAT WAS SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATED.

FOUR E-RANKS, ONE D-RANK HEALER, AND ONE C-RANK LEADER DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AN A-RANK HUNTER WHO JOINED MIDWAY WAS THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE SUCCESSFUL EXTERMINATION OF THE ANT.

LONG STORY SHORT, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE A-RANK HUNTER TO TAKE DOWN A SINGLE MUTANT ANT.

THERE HAVE BEEN 294 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DUE TO THIS MUTANT ANT.

A TOTAL OF 108 HUNTERS WERE DISPATCHED.

WHILE THAT MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER, SINCE THE MUTANT ANT HAD THE ABILITY TO SENSE DANGER AND FLY AWAY, THE JAPANESE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT THEIR RESPONSE WAS REASONABLE.

OUT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN ASIA, JAPAN HAS ONE OF THE MOST WELL-ORGANIZED SYSTEMS SET UP FOR THEIR NETWORK OF HUNTERS.

THAT SAID, IF JAPAN SUFFERED THIS MANY CASUALTIES, WHO KNOWS

WHAT MIGHT'VE HAPPENED IF THE ANTS HAD FLOWN OVER TO MAINLAND KOREA...

MURMUR

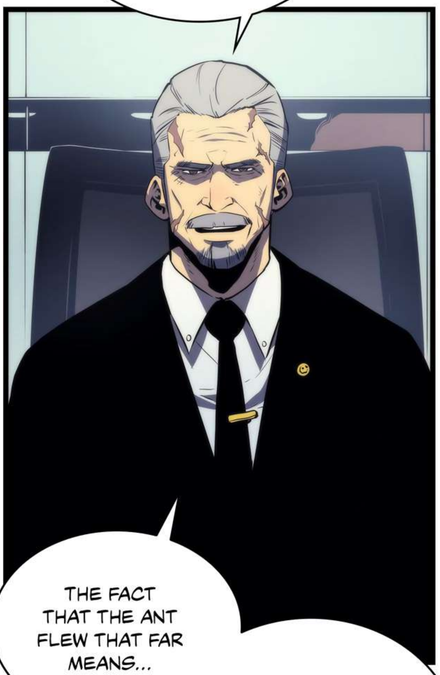
WHISPER

MURMUR

MUCH LIKE JAPAN, OUR COUNTRY HAS MANY ISLANDS AS WELL,

BUT WE AREN'T CAPABLE OF MONITORING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM...

AN ISLAND 150 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM JEJU WAS ATTACKED.



THE FACT THAT THE ANT FLEW THAT FAR MEANS...

THEY'RE CAPABLE OF FLYING NOT JUST TO THE COASTAL PROVINCES, BUT ALL THE WAY TO THE CITY OF MOKPO AS WELL.

IF THEY WERE TO CHANGE COURSE, THEY WOULD EVEN BE ABLE TO REACH THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF JINDO AND WANDO COUNTY!
ANTS THAT CAN FLY, EH? THEY'RE MORE LIKE BEES THAN ANTS.
SOUTH KOREA CAN'T SEND HUNTERS TO EVERY SINGLE ISLAND LIKE JAPAN DID. WE LACK THE MANPOWER.
EVEN IF WE DEPLOY A COUPLE OF LOW-RANKING HUNTERS, THEY'LL JUST BECOME ANT FOOD!
WHO WOULD COME TO THE AID OF SOUTH KOREA IN THIS SITUATION?
CHINA, OR MAYBE RUSSIA? THEY HAVE A MULTITUDE OF HUNTERS AVAILABLE, BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, THEY ALSO HAVE A VAST AMOUNT OF LAND TO PROTECT.
WHAT ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, THEN? NO, THEY REFUSED TO COME TO OUR AID BACK WHEN THE FIRST S-RANK GATE OPENED...

I HAVE A HEADACHE...

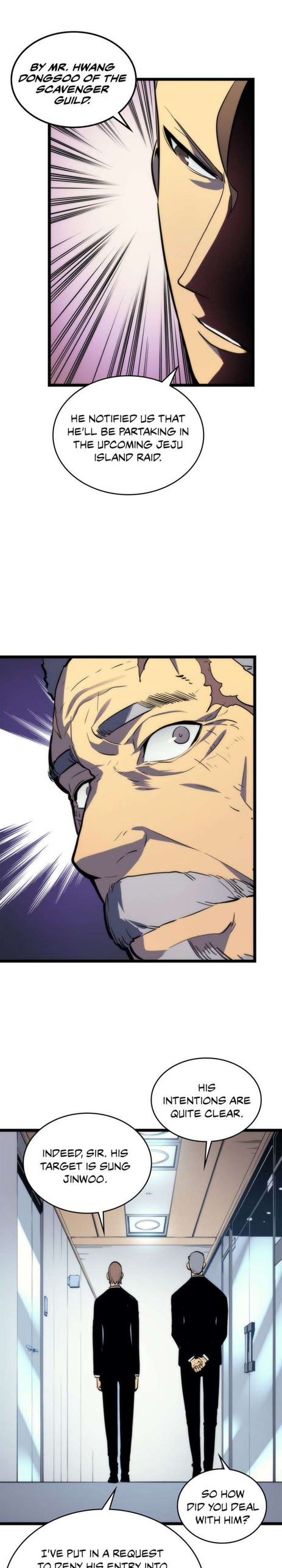
MR. GO.

HOW MAY I HELP YOU, MR. WOO?

I DIDN'T MENTION THIS DURING THE MEETING,

BUT WE'VE BEEN SECRETLY CONTACTED BY SOMEONE.

SECRETLY? BY WHOM?


BY MR. HWANG DONGSOO OF THE SCAVENGER GUILD.
HE NOTIFIED US THAT HE'LL BE PARTAKING IN THE UPCOMING JEJU ISLAND RAID.
HIS INTENTIONS ARE QUITE CLEAR.
INDEED, SIR. HIS TARGET IS SUNG JINWOO.
SO HOW DID YOU DEAL WITH HIM?
I'VE PUT IN A REQUEST TO DENY HIS ENTRY INTO

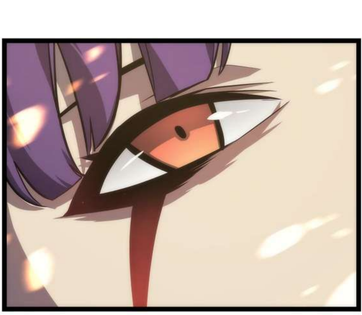
SOUTH KOREA USING THE CONFLICT WITH MR. BAEK YOONHO DURING THE RED GATE INCIDENT AS AN EXCUSE.

HOWEVER, MR. HWANG IS NOT THE ONLY HUNTER WHO CONTACTED US.

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE?

THE CALL WAS FROM ***A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER.***

LET ME INTRODUCE HIM TO YOU, SIR. PLEASE COME WITH ME.



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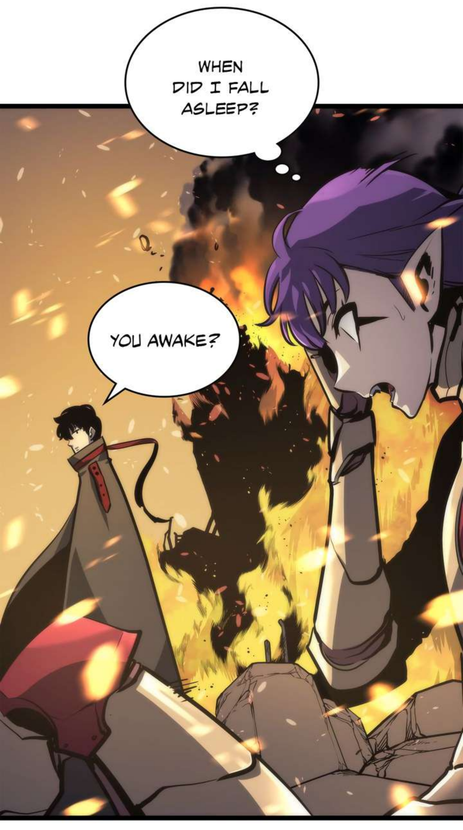
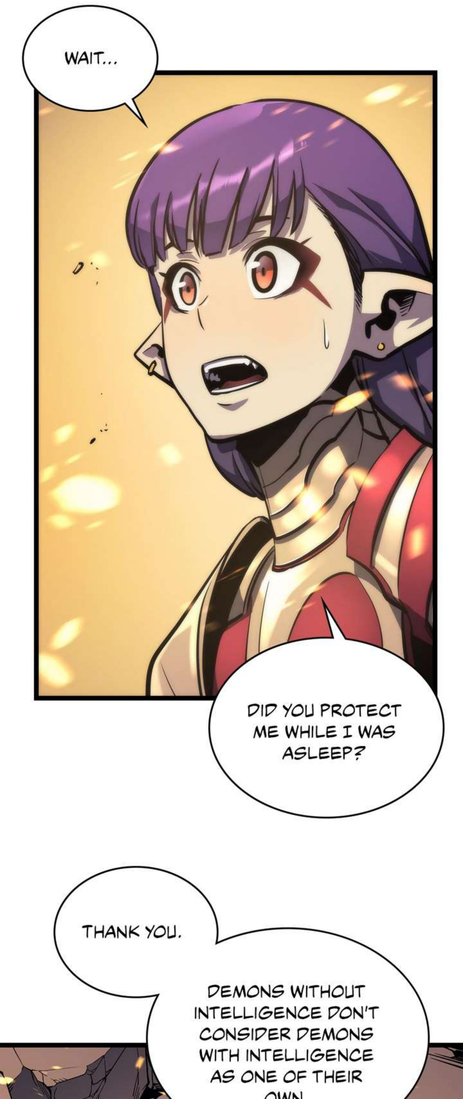

WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP?
YOU AWAKE?

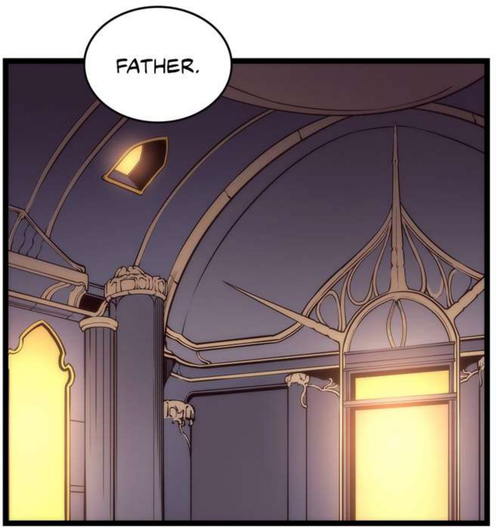
LOOKS LIKE NOT ALL DEMONS ARE FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER.

THESE GUYS TRIED TO ATTACK YOU.


WAIT...
DID YOU PROTECT ME WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?
THANK YOU.
DEMONS WITHOUT INTELLIGENCE DON'T CONSIDER DEMONS WITH INTELLIGENCE AS ONE OF THEIR

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET TO WHERE THE ENTRY PERMIT IS?

A DEMONS' CASTLE INSIDE A DEMONS' CASTLE...?
WHERE'S MY FATHER?
HE'S IN THE THRONE ROOM, LADY ESIL.
WHO IS THAT MAN BEHIND YOU...?
HE'S A VERY IMPORTANT GUEST OF MINE, SO SHOW RESPECT.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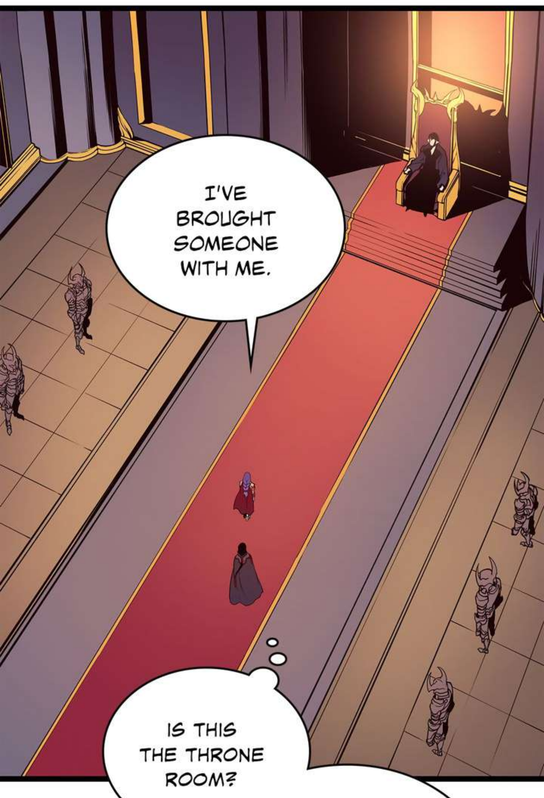
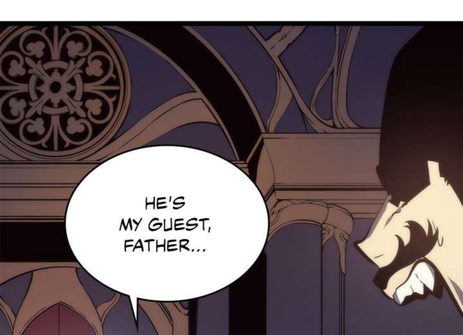

I'VE BROUGHT SOMEONE WITH ME.
IS THIS THE THRONE ROOM?
IF I HAD FOUGHT MY WAY HERE, THIS IS WHERE I WOULD'VE HAD THE BATTLE AGAINST THE BOSS.

ESIL,
WHA... WHAT...!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! WHO IS THAT MAN NEXT TO YOU?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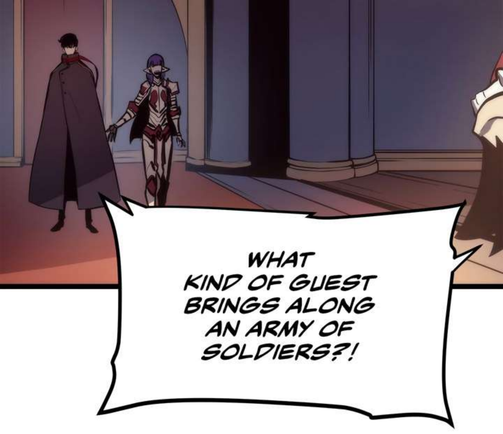

WHAT KIND OF GUEST BRINGS ALONG AN ARMY OF SOLDIERS?!

WHAT?

ARE YOU INCAPABLE OF SEEING THEM, ESIL?

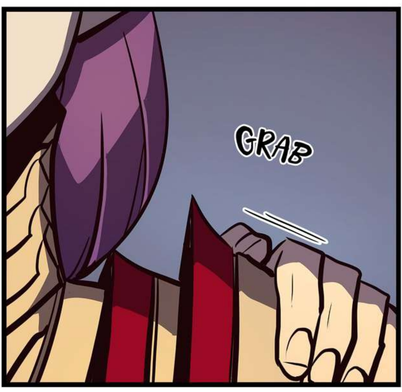
THERE IS A THRONG OF SOLDIERS HIDING BEHIND THAT MAN IN THE DARKNESS!!

I GUESS HE'S GOT SHARP SENSES.

HOW DARE YOU BRING SOLDIERS INTO MY HOME!!
FATHER!
DA
DUN

I PROMISED ESIL...
...THAT I'D LEAVE THIS PLACE IF SHE HANDS ME THE ENTRY PERMIT.

IS HE THE ONE THAT'S BEEN KILLING OFF DEMONS AT AN INSANE SPEED AND CLEARING THE FLOORS OF THIS CASTLE?
ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOBLES, THE RADIRU CLAN SITS LOW ON THE PECKING ORDER AT 20TH PLACE, MAKING US ONE OF THE WEAKEST CLANS.
HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT VULCAN AND METUS, SO THERE'S NO WAY WE STAND A CHANCE...!
THE ENTRY PERMIT... IS THAT ALL YOU WANT?
I HAVE ONE MORE REQUEST.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I'D LIKE TO BORROW HER FOR A BIT.

ESIL SAID SHE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE ENTRY PERMITS TO THE TOP FLOORS ARE.

IN ORDER TO LOCATE THEM, I NEED HER AS MY GUIDE.

BUT...

...MAYBE I'VE SAID SOMETHING WRONG?

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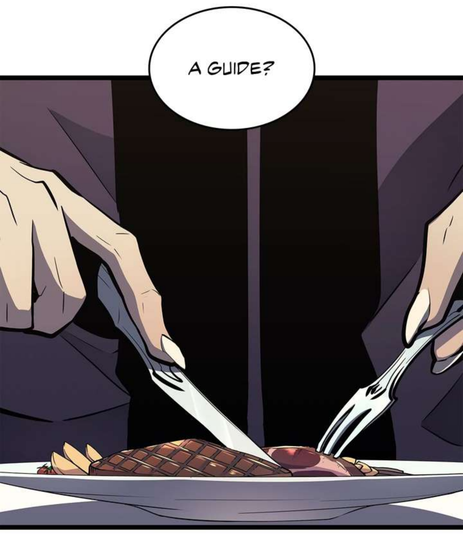
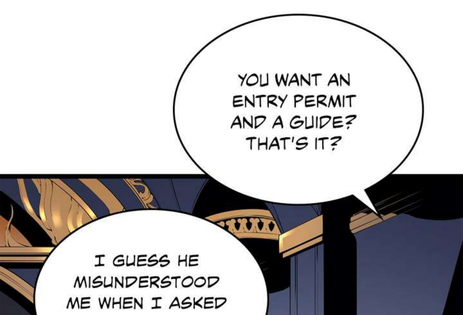




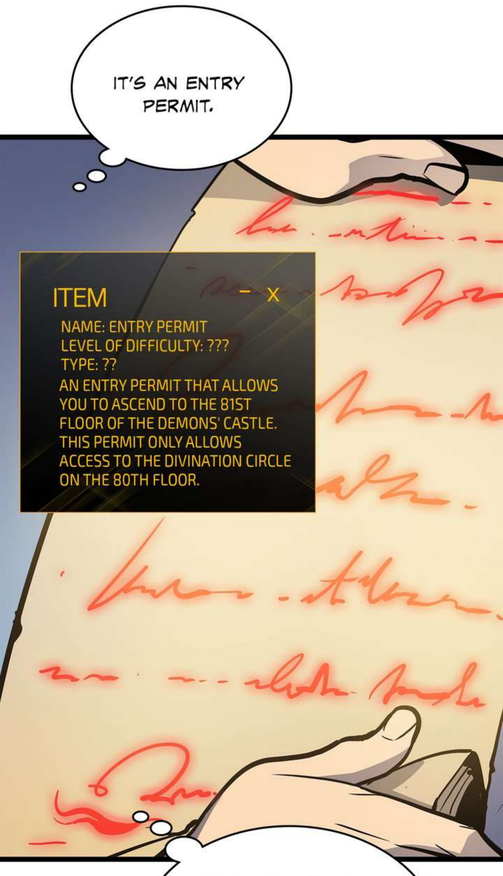
THE FACT THAT I'M NEGOTIATING WITH A HUMAN RIGHT NOW HURTS MY PRIDE, BUT...

...IF I'D KNOWN THIS MONSTROUS HUMAN WAS THE MASTER OF ALL THOSE DARK SOLDIERS, I WOULDN'T HAVE ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH HIM.

YOU WON'T PUT MY DAUGHTER IN DANGER, CORRECT?

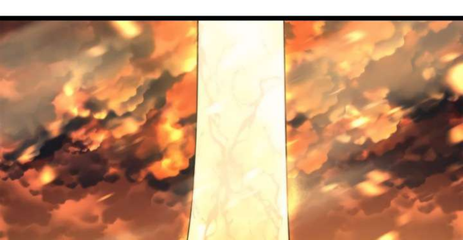
A MONSTER THAT IS WORRIED FOR HIS DAUGHTER, HUH..?
YOU HAVE MY WORD.

VERY WELL.


IT'S AN ENTRY PERMIT.
ITEM
NAME: ENTRY PERMIT
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: ???
TYPE: ??
AN ENTRY PERMIT THAT ALLOWS YOU TO ASCEND TO THE 81ST FLOOR OF THE DEMONS' CASTLE. THIS PERMIT ONLY ALLOWS ACCESS TO THE DIVINATION CIRCLE ON THE 80TH FLOOR.

NOW THAT I'M ON THE UPPER FLOORS, AM I SUPPOSED TO GET THESE PERMITS FROM EACH OF THE DEMON CLANS?
CAN WE LEAVE RIGHT AWAY?
YES.

[A DEMON NOBLE HAS REQUESTED TO JOIN YOUR PARTY.]



WILL YOU BE OKAY WITHOUT YOUR HORSE?
ONLY PARTY MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO MOVE TO OTHER FLOORS,
SO I CAN'T TAKE A HORSE WITH ME.

JINWOO, SIR. WAIT UP.

THIS IS LIQUOR THAT THE CHIEF OF THE GARSH CLAN LIKES.
MY FATHER

PREPARED GIFTS FOR EACH OF THE CLANS.
WHY?
IF YOU TAKE THIS WITH YOU, YOU'LL HAVE AN EASIER TIME NEGOTIATING WITH-
NEGOTIATE?
ARE YOU GUYS ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE GARSH CLAN?

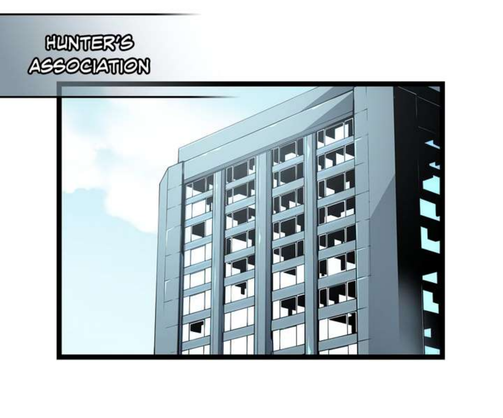
N, NO.
BACK IN THE DEMON REALM, HIERARCHICAL DISPUTES AMONG NOBLES WERE COMMONPLACE...
BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GARSH CLAN IS AT LEAST REASONABLE.
GOOD TO KNOW.

WAIT HERE.

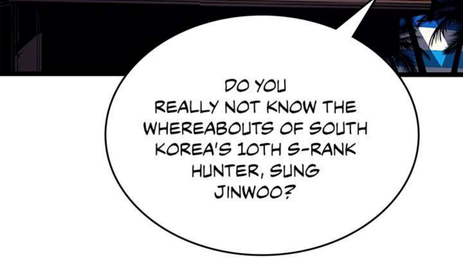
I WON'T BE LONG.

FLAMES AND SHRIEKS ERUPTED FROM THE GARSH CLAN'S CASTLE...

...JUST A FEW MINUTES LATER.



YOU'RE VERY FLUENT IN ENGLISH,
BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I'M UNDERSTANDING YOU CORRECTLY.

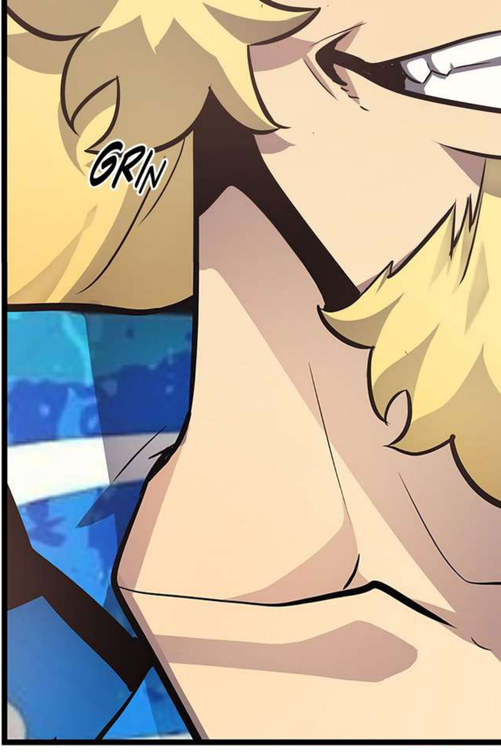

DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF SOUTH KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO?

HE'S A HARD MAN TO PIN DOWN. OUR SURVEILLANCE TEAM IS HAVING TROUBLE LOCATING HIM.

HMM... HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TRUST WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME?

THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION IS NOT FOOLISH ENOUGH TO LIE TO A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER.

I SEE.


GRIN

OH, BY THE WAY. I HEARD MY MAN HWANG DONGSOO CAUSED A BIT OF A SCENE HERE IN KOREA.

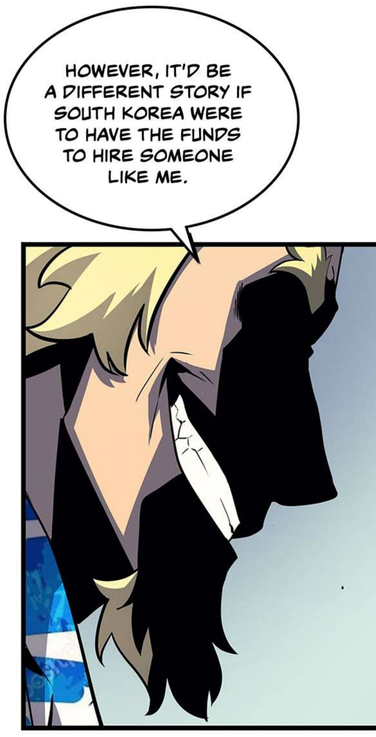
HE'S AN S-RANK, SO WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO TELL HIM WHAT TO DO OR WHAT NOT TO DO.

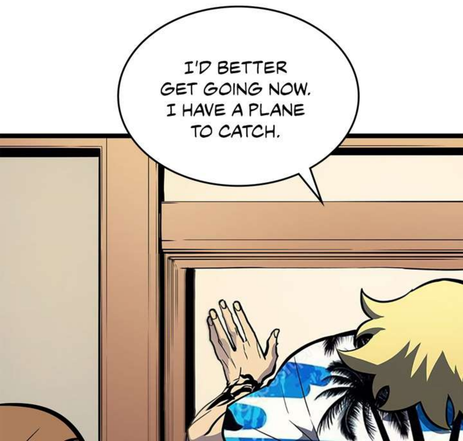
"MY MAN" HWANG DONGSOO...?
HE TALKS AS IF HWANG DONGSOO IS AN AMERICAN HUNTER NOW.
SUNG JINWOO IS ONE THING,
BUT I ALSO CAME HERE TO ASK THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION TO DENY HWANG DONGSOO'S ENTRY INTO THIS COUNTRY.
THOUGH IT SEEMS YOU'VE ALREADY GONE AND DONE THAT.
YES, YOU'RE CORRECT.

THEN IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE TO TALK ABOUT.
I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CALL IF I EVER NEED ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE.
I'M NOT A SHORT MAN BY ANY MEANS, BUT...

...NEXT TO THIS GUY, I'M LIKE A SMALL CHILD.
THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY CHAOTIC IN KOREA LATELY 'CAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JEJU, HUH?
DID MY VISIT HERE GIVE YOU FALSE HOPE?

IT'S A SHAME. I WOULD'VE LIKED TO HELP OUT WITH THE RAID IN JEJU, BUT I'M A VERY BUSY PERSON...

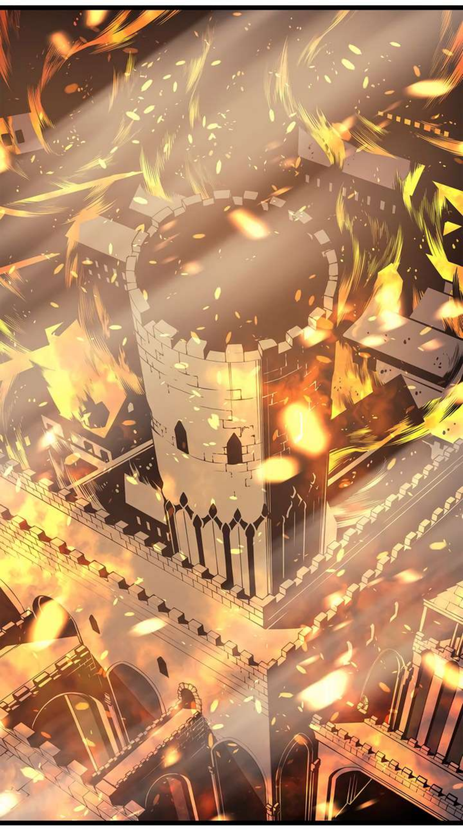

HOWEVER, IT'D BE A DIFFERENT STORY IF SOUTH KOREA WERE TO HAVE THE FUNDS TO HIRE SOMEONE LIKE ME.


I'D BETTER GET GOING NOW. I HAVE A PLANE TO CATCH.

WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT FOR A HUNTER FROM THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM TO ACCOMPANY YOU?
BY ALL MEANS.
AH, BY THE WAY. MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WE TALKED ABOUT HERE TODAY STAYS ON THE DOWN LOW.

A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER...
SIGH
MR. WOO, DO YOU THINK IT WAS FOOLISH OF ME TO THINK THAT MAN WOULD HELP US WITH THE JEJU ISLAND RAID?

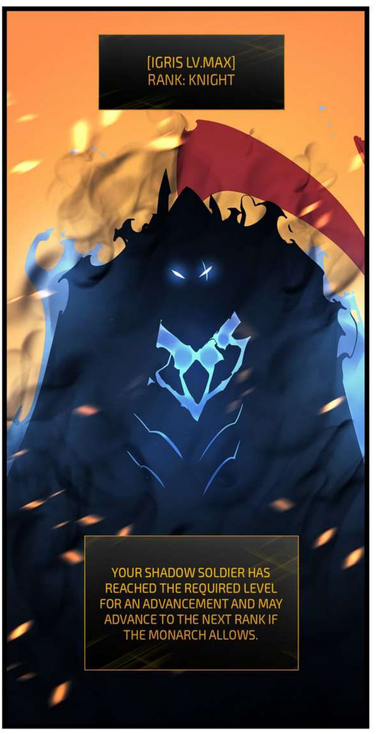
NO NEED TO WORRY, MR. GO.
JAPAN HAS AGREED TO WORK WITH US.
A HUNTER FROM THE LARGEST GUILD IN JAPAN WILL BE MAKING A VISIT TODAY.

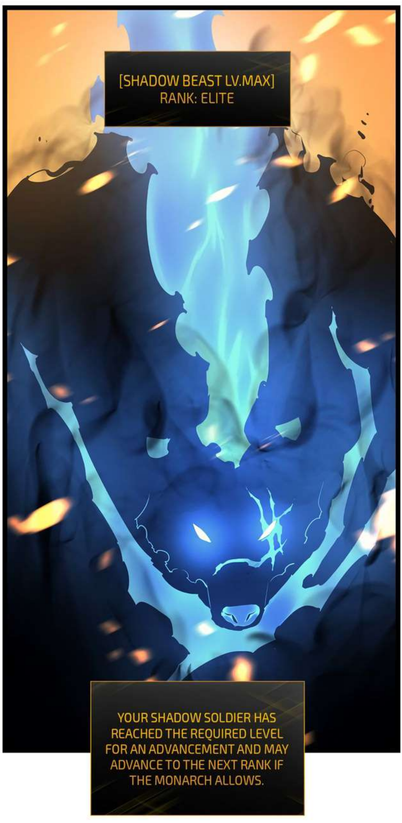


[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON KNIGHT.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 3,000 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON KNIGHT.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 3,000 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]

[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON NOBLE.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 4,500 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[LEVEL: 87]
I'M GETTING A LOT MORE EXPERIENCE POINTS NOW BECAUSE MY OPPONENTS ARE ON A HIGHER LEVEL.

ALSO...


[IGRIS LV.MAX]
RANK: KNIGHT
YOUR SHADOW SOLDIER HAS REACHED THE REQUIRED LEVEL FOR AN ADVANCEMENT AND MAY ADVANCE TO THE NEXT RANK IF THE MONARCH ALLOWS.


[SHADOW BEAST LV.MAX]
RANK: ELITE
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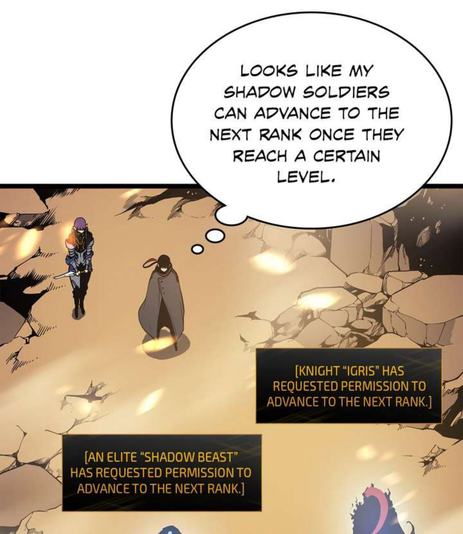
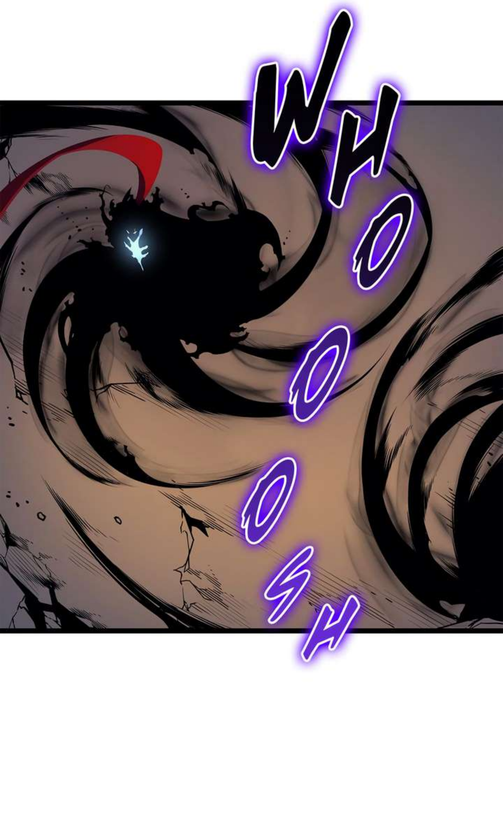

LOOKS LIKE MY SHADOW SOLDIERS CAN ADVANCE TO THE NEXT RANK ONCE THEY REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL.
[KNIGHT "IGRIS" HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT RANK.]
[AN ELITE "SHADOW BEAST" HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT RANK.]

[ACCEPT REQUESTS TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT RANK?]



KOOOOAR

DING
[KNIGHT "IGRIS" HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM "KNIGHT" TO "ELITE KNIGHT."]
DING
[AN ELITE "SHADOW BEAST" HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM "ELITE" TO "KNIGHT."]

DING
[SHADOW SOLDIERS THAT RANK KNIGHT OR HIGHER CAN BE NAMED.]
DING
[PLEASE CHOOSE A NAME FOR YOUR SOLDIER.]
WHOOOOSH
DING
[NAME YOUR SOLDIER "TANK"?]

SWOOSH

[IGRIS LV.1]
RANK: ELITE KNIGHT
WHAT A FORCE OF NATURE!
IGRIS IS NOW AS STRONG AS AN S-RANK,
[TANK LV.1]
RANK: KNIGHT

AND TANK IS NOW AS STRONG AS A TOP-TIER A-RANK.

STARTING WITH THE 90TH FLOOR, THE TOP NOBLE CLANS MANAGE EACH FLOOR.
THEY'RE SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER THAN THE HIGH-RANKING NOBLES.
IF YOU CAN REASON WITH THEM LIKE YOU DID WITH MY CLAN, THEY JUST MIGHT BE WILLING TO HAND OVER THE PERMITS...
IF I WERE WEAKER THAN YOUR CLAN, WOULD YOU GUYS HAVE TALKED THINGS OUT WITH ME?

THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.

BESIDES, YOU SAID THAT THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HIERARCHICAL DISPUTES BETWEEN DEMON CLANS.
I'LL MAKE THE RADISH CLAN NUMBER ONE.
HUP ~
...THE NAME OF MY CLAN IS RADIRU.

UM, JINWOO... SIR.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING OUT FOR MY CLAN?

BECAUSE I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.

W, WHAT?!
STARTLED

SHE REMINDS ME OF JINHO. AM I JUST THE KIND OF GUY THAT GETS ALONG WITH DORKY PEOPLE?

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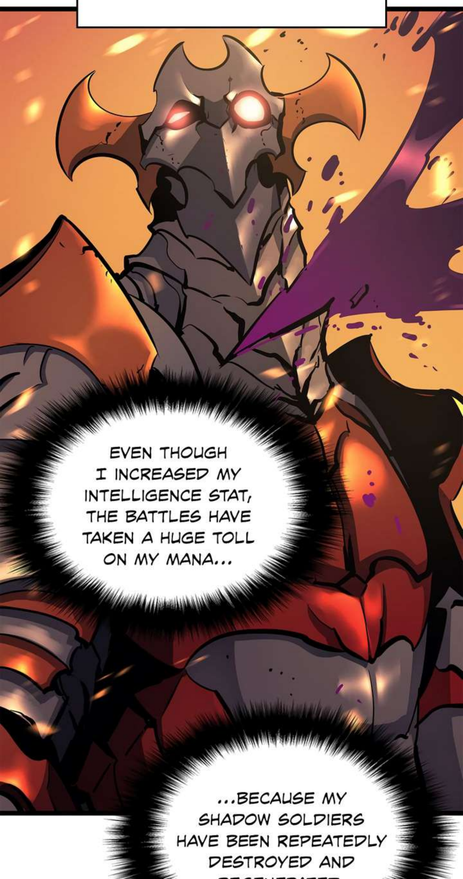
JUST AS ESIL HAD WARNED ME, THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL GREW EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER STARTING WITH THE 90TH FLOOR.

THERE WERE MANY MORE MONSTERS GUARDING THE CASTLE, AND ALL RANKED HIGHER THAN THE DEMONS I HAD BATTLED ON THE LOWER FLOORS.



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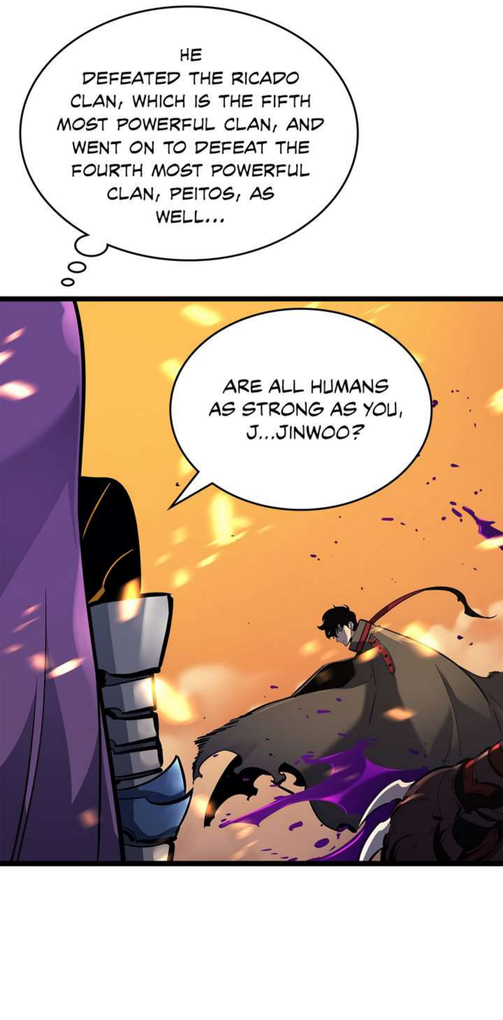


UH... THERE ARE MAYBE ONE OR TWO OTHERS.
GO GUNHEE AND CHA HAE-IN. THEY DEFINITELY FELT STRONGER THAN THE OTHER S-RANKS.
JUST BASED ON THE AURA THEY EXUDED, IT SEEMED LIKE CHA HAE-IN WAS A FEW TIERS HIGHER THAN CHOI JONG-IN, WHO'S KNOWN AS "THE ULTIMATE HUNTER."

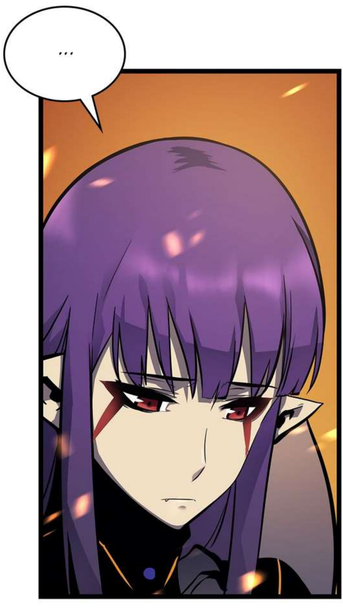
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH AMONG S-RANKS.
IN FACT, THE DIFFERENCE MAY BE EVEN GREATER THAN THE DIFFERENCE AMONG OTHER RANKS, SINCE THE MANA LEVELS OF S-RANKS CAN'T BE MEASURED.
I THINK I MIGHT'VE BEEN ON THE SAME LEVEL AS MR. GO IN THE PAST, BUT NOW THAT I'VE CLIMBED ALL THE WAY UP HERE, THINGS MIGHT BE DIFFERENT.

YOU CAN GO BACK DOWNSTAIRS

NOW.
FROM HERE ON OUT, I'LL FIGURE OUT THE WAY MYSELF.

WHAT?
A, AM I...
...NOT USEFUL TO YOU ANYMORE?

SHE'S A FUNNY ONE, ALL RIGHT.
YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.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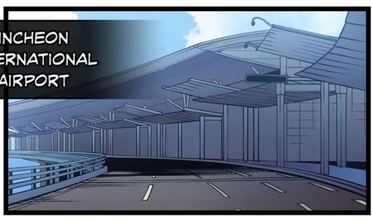
NO, I'M GOING WITH YOU.
I WANT TO SEE...
...WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE.

[YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE 98TH FLOOR.]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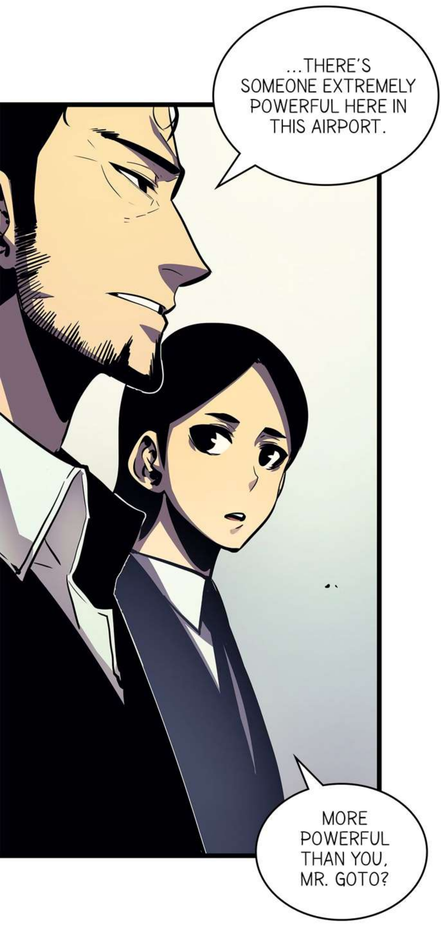
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COMMOTION?*
S-RANK HUNTER
GOTO RYUJI

*The speakers are talking in Japanese.


...THERE'S SOMEONE EXTREMELY POWERFUL HERE IN THIS AIRPORT.
MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU, MR. GOTO?

MAYBE I WAS WRONG... WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE THAT BE HERE?
MY APOLOGIES. IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO GET THROUGH THE CROWD.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON AT THE AIRPORT TODAY?

OH, A HUNTER FROM THE UNITED STATES IS VISITING SOUTH KOREA.
HE'S HERE ON PERSONAL BUSINESS, THOUGH, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED.

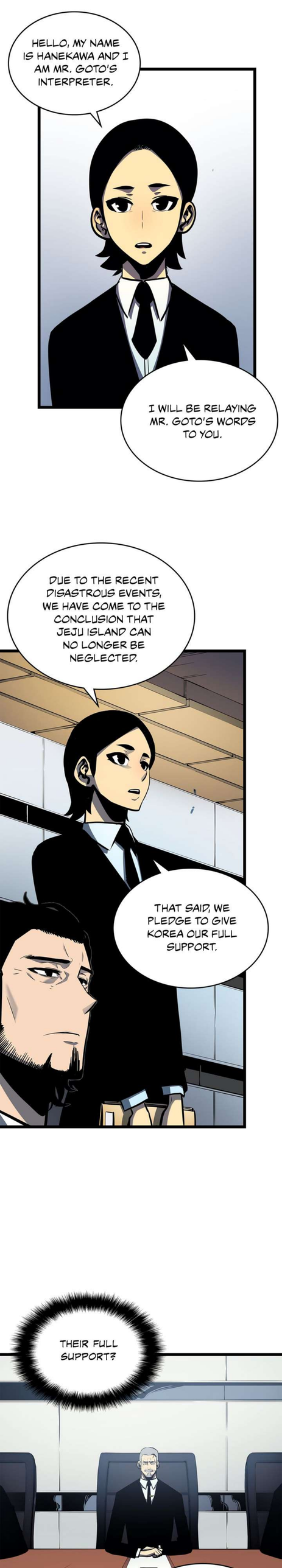
AN AMERICAN HUNTER...?
I WONDER IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RECENT EVENTS.
THIS WAY, PLEASE.

SO THIS MAN IS...
...GOTO RYUJI,
THE ONLY HUNTER IN ASIA THAT CAN STAND ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH LIU ZHIGANG.
HE IS NO ORDINARY MAN, THAT'S FOR SURE.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 21 S-RANK HUNTERS IN JAPAN, AND 11 OF THEM ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME GUILD AS GOTO RYUJI, THE BLADE GUILD.

UNLIKE SOUTH KOREA, WHERE THERE ARE FIVE MAJOR GUILDS COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER, A SINGLE GUILD HOLDS ALL THE POWER IN JAPAN.

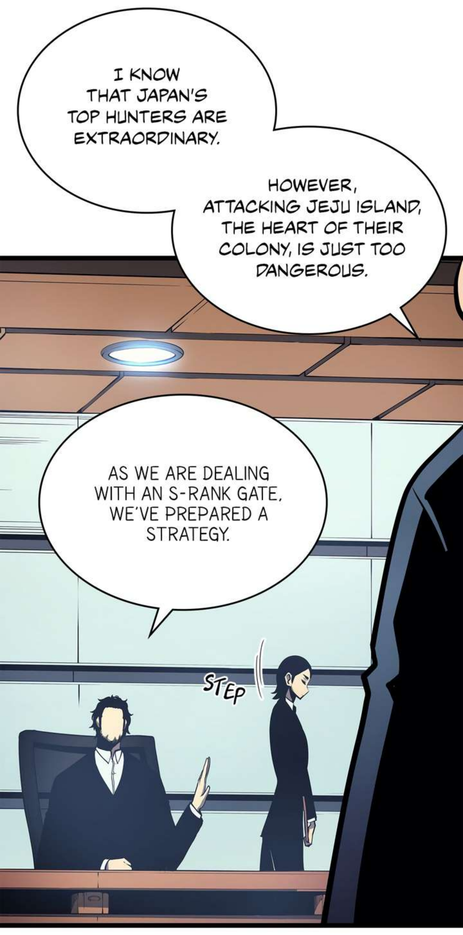
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT GOTO RYUJI'S GUILD IS THE SECOND LARGEST IN ASIA. THE LARGEST IS A CHINESE GUILD.


HELLO, MY NAME IS HANEKAWA AND I AM MR. GOTO'S INTERPRETER.
I WILL BE RELAYING MR. GOTO'S WORDS TO YOU.
DUE TO THE RECENT DISASTROUS EVENTS, WE HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT JEJU ISLAND CAN NO LONGER BE NEGLECTED.
THAT SAID, WE PLEDGE TO GIVE KOREA OUR FULL SUPPORT.
THEIR FULL SUPPORT?

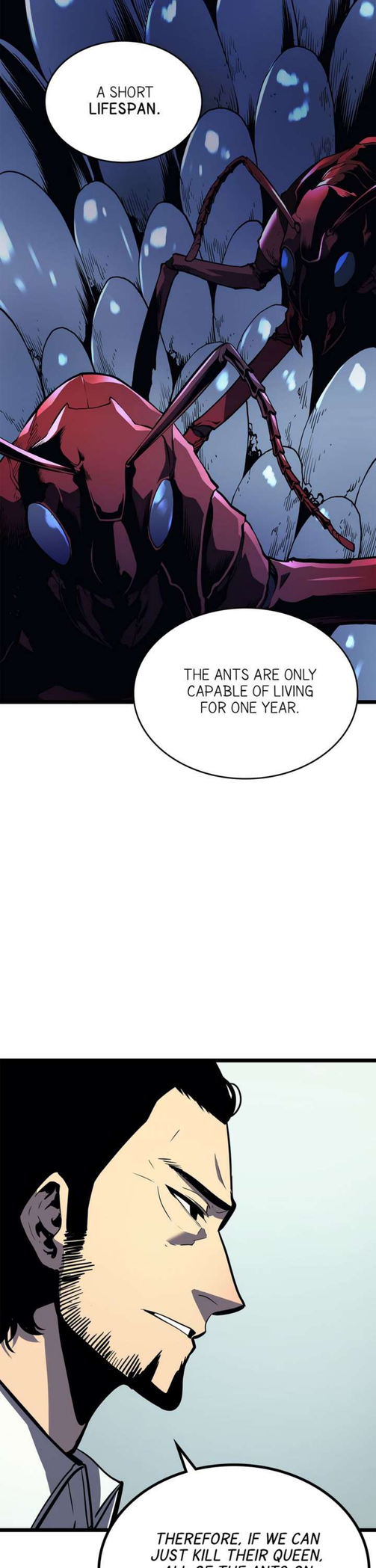
LET ME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. THE REASON I'VE COME HERE IS BECAUSE...

...I WANT TO FORM A UNITED STRIKE SQUAD COMPOSED OF ONLY OUR TOP-RANKING HUNTERS. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA?

A UNITED STRIKE SQUAD?!
YOU WANT TO CREATE AN ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO ATTACK THE ANTS AT THEIR BASE CAMP?
YES, EXACTLY.


I KNOW THAT JAPAN'S TOP HUNTERS ARE EXTRAORDINARY.
HOWEVER, ATTACKING JEJU ISLAND, THE HEART OF THEIR COLONY, IS JUST TOO DANGEROUS.
AS WE ARE DEALING WITH AN S-RANK GATE, WE'VE PREPARED A STRATEGY.
STEP

THESE ARE THE FILES DOCUMENTING THE DATA WE'VE GATHERED ON THE ANTS.
EVERY SINGLE ANT RIVALS THE STRENGTH OF A HIGH-RANKING HUNTER. HOWEVER, THEY POSSESS A FATAL WEAKNESS.


A SHORT
LIFESPAN.
THE ANTS ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF LIVING FOR ONE YEAR.

THEREFORE, IF WE CAN JUST KILL THEIR QUEEN, ALL OF THE ANTS ON JEJU ISLAND WILL DIE WITHIN A YEAR.

WE JUST HAVE TO ELIMINATE THEIR QUEEN, HUH...?
IT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE A MORE REALISTIC PLAN THAN EXTERMINATING THE ENTIRE COLONY.
BUT IN REALITY, TRYING TO KILL THE QUEEN WILL BE AS HARD AS TRYING TO DEFEAT THOUSANDS OF ANTS.

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE ANTS WILL DIE FOR THEIR QUEEN?

OF COURSE, WE'LL HAVE TO GET PAST THOUSANDS OF ANTS IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THEIR QUEEN.
HOWEVER, WE WON'T HAVE TO BATTLE THEM IF WE CAN GET THE ANTS TO LEAVE THEIR TUNNELS.
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

YES, IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. THREE TIMES TO BE EXACT.

BACK WHEN SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS ARRIVED ON THE SHORES OF JEJU TO CARRY OUT A SEARCH-AND-DESTROY MISSION,

THE ANTS LEFT THEIR TUNNELS AND HEADED TOWARD THE BATTLEFIELD.

IMPOSSIBLE!!

THE EVENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY OUR MANA RADARS. PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

TEN OF OUR 11 S-RANK HUNTERS, INCLUDING MYSELF,
ARE PLANNING ON PARTICIPATING IN THE JEJU ISLAND RAID.

WE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF DISTRACTING THE ANTS.
PLEASE HAVE SOUTH KOREA'S TOP-RANKING HUNTERS DEFEAT THE QUEEN.
THE REST OF MY FELLOW GUILD MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY.

IF THE 10 S-RANK HUNTERS SUCCESSFULLY CREATE A DIVERSION, ONLY THE QUEEN AND A FEW OF HER GUARDS WILL BE LEFT INSIDE THE TUNNELS.

THIS IS THE PLAN. MY S-RANK HUNTERS WILL FIRST SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS AND ATTACK THE ISLAND FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

THE ANTS WILL SWARM TOWARD THE SITES OF OUR ATTACKS, WHILE THE QUEEN REMAINS IN THE EMPTY TUNNELS.

THE SOUTH KOREAN S-RANK HUNTERS WILL TAKE A HELICOPTER TO JEJU AND INFILTRATE THE TUNNELS. AFTER DEFEATING THE QUEEN, THEY'LL BOARD THE HELICOPTER AGAIN TO EVACUATE FROM THE ISLAND.

IT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE A PLAUSIBLE PLAN.
BUT WHY IS GOTO RYUJI WILLING TO MOBILIZE 10 OF HIS GUILD'S S-RANKS FOR THIS RAID?!

ALL NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS HAVE RAIDED S-RANK GATES BEFORE.
CONSIDERING MY PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE RECORDS, ONCE I FINISH THIS JEJU ISLAND RAID,
I'LL BE HIGH ENOUGH ON THE LADDER TO BE WORTHY OF A NATIONAL LEVEL TITLE.

OBTAINING A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER TITLE WILL BE ENOUGH OF A GAIN FOR JAPAN.

THIS IS AN S-RANK GATE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO I'VE CAREFULLY SELECTED 10 S-RANKS TO PARTICIPATE.

I MUST MINIMIZE THE RISK FACTORS.

THE SOUTH KOREANS HAVE NO GOOD REASON TO DECLINE MY OFFER.

THIS ISN'T THE MOST RIGHTEOUS WAY OF DOING THINGS, BUT IN ORDER TO BECOME A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER, I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.

UNLIKE JAPAN, THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT S-RANK HUNTERS IN KOREA,
AND OUT OF THOSE EIGHT, ONLY SIX ARE REALISTICALLY CAPABLE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE RAID; AS I AM TOO OLD AND MIN BYUNG-GU HAS RETIRED.
FLIP
THIS STRATEGY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITH JUST THE HUNTERS IN SOUTH KOREA.

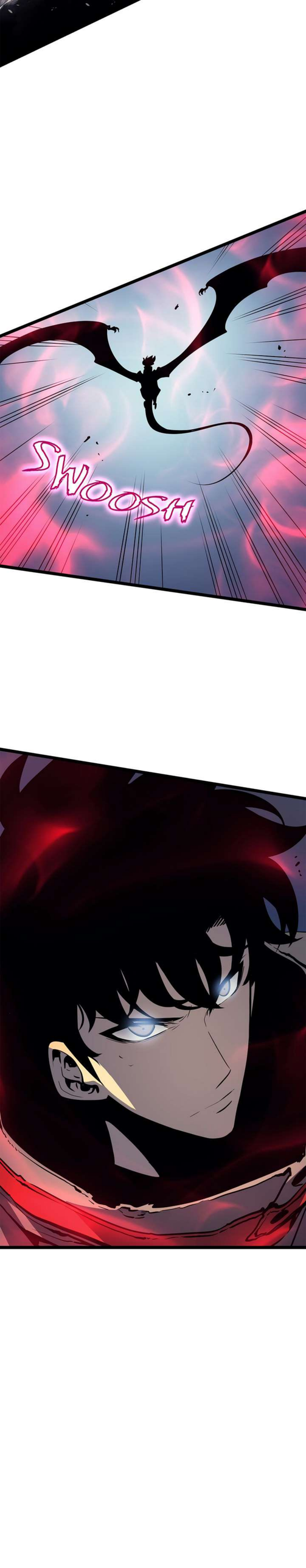
THE REAL QUESTION IS... ARE WE EVEN CAPABLE OF DEFEATING THE BOSS OF AN S-RANK DUNGEON...?
WILL WE BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE QUEEN?
SUNG JINWOO DEFEATED THE BOSS OF AN A-RANK GATE ALL BY HIMSELF, SO IF HE WERE TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE OTHER S-RANK HUNTERS, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE!

THE ANTS ARE EVOLVING QUICKLY.
THEIR ENTIRE ARMY MAY ACQUIRE THE ABILITY TO TAKE FLIGHT SOON.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DELAY ANY LONGER.
I UNDERSTAND.
ONCE THE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED, WE'LL SEND YOU A DETAILED PLAN.

[LEVEL: 93]

THIS IS THE
100TH FLOOR.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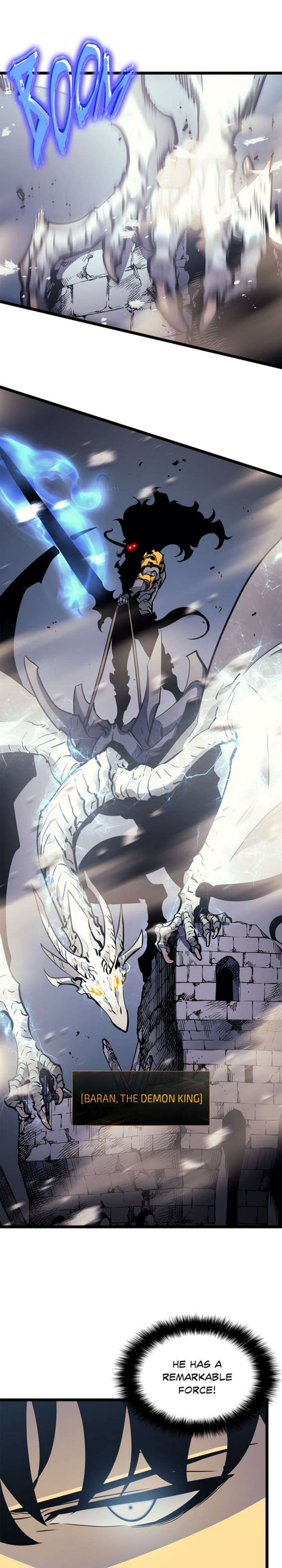
BOOM
[BARAN, THE DEMON KING]
HE HAS A REMARKABLE FORCE!

BLADE

-ASIA'S SECOND LARGEST GUILD.
-11 GUILD MEMBERS ARE S-RANK HUNTERS.
-BECAUSE THEY ARE A LARGE GUILD, UPON REQUEST, MEMBERS ARE ALSO DISPATCHED OVERSEAS TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNMENTS.

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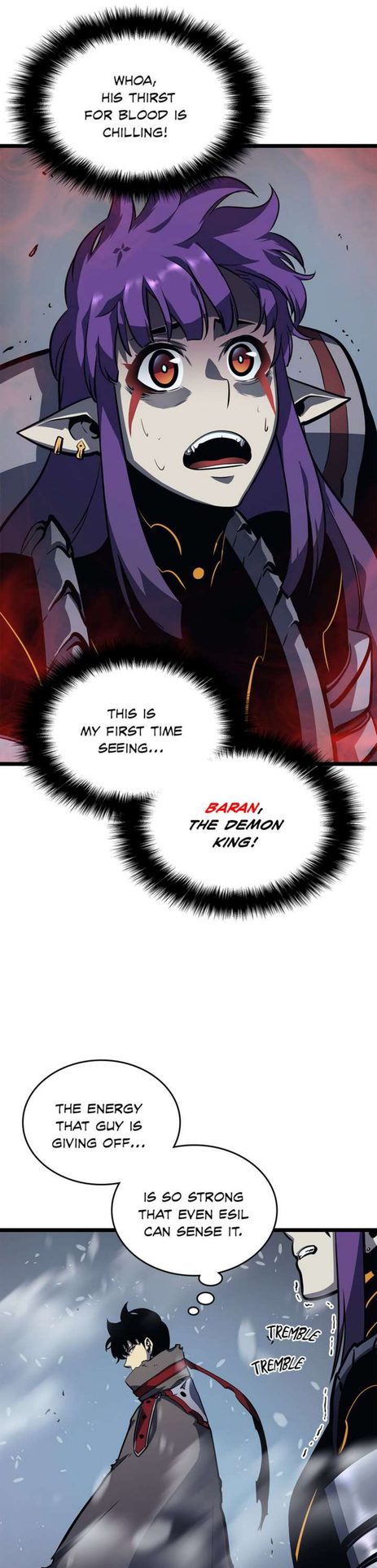
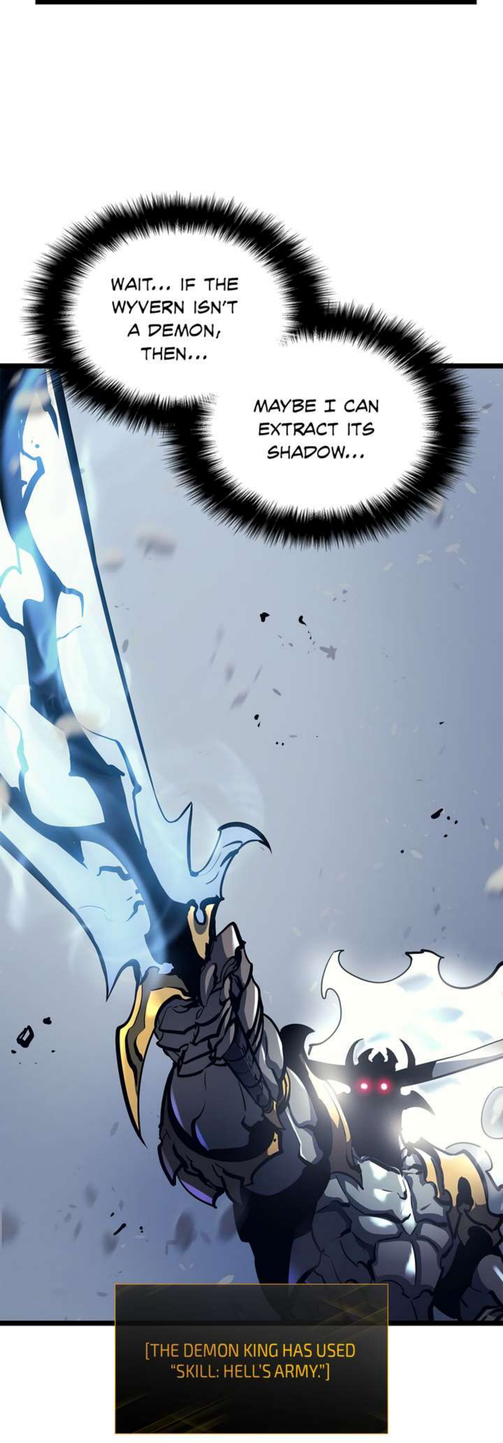

WHOA, HIS THIRST FOR BLOOD IS CHILLING!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING...
BARAN, THE DEMON KING!

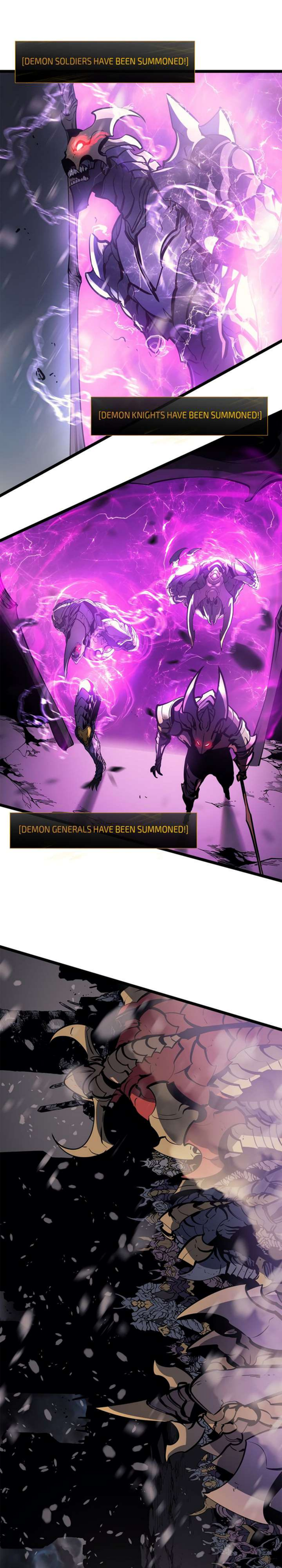
THE ENERGY THAT GUY IS GIVING OFF...
IS SO STRONG THAT EVEN ESIL CAN SENSE IT.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

A BEAST THAT CAN FLY... THIS IS GOING TO BE ANNOYING.
[WYVERN KAISELLIN]

A WYVERN?
BESIDES ESIL'S HORSE, THIS IS THE FIRST NON-DEMON I'VE ENCOUNTERED IN THE DEMONS' CASTLE...
ARE MOUNTABLE CREATURES JUST AN EXCEPTION?

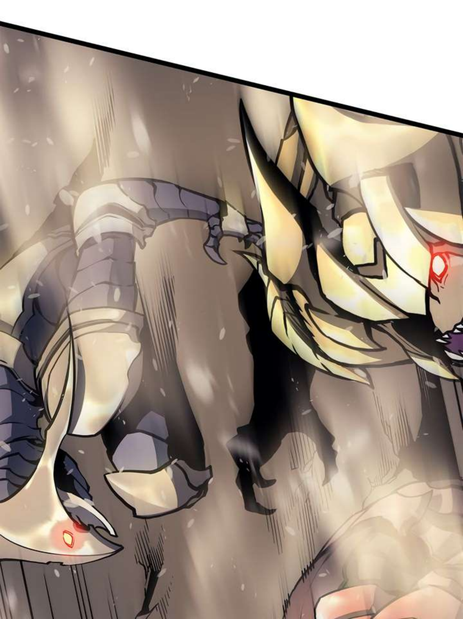

WAIT... IF THE WYVERN ISN'T A DEMON, THEN...
MAYBE I CAN EXTRACT ITS SHADOW...
[THE DEMON KING HAS USED "SKILL: HELL'S ARMY."]

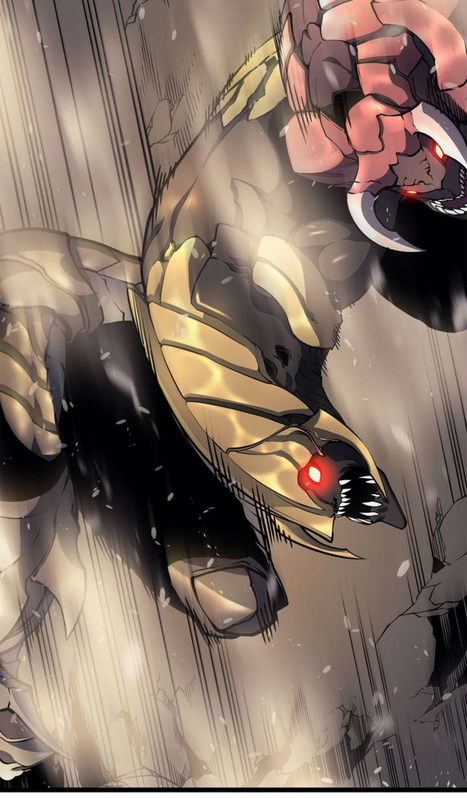
THUD
THUD

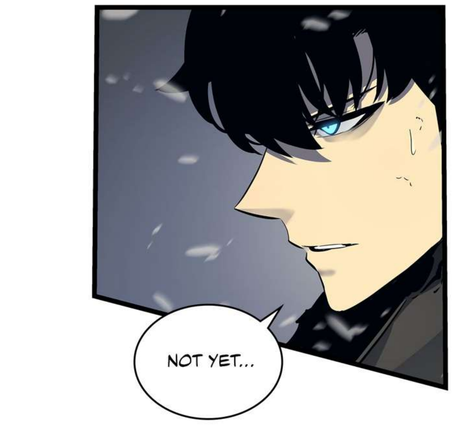

[DEMON SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED!]
[DEMON KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED!]
[DEMON GENERALS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED!]

THE KNIGHTS AND GENERALS ARE AT THE VERY LEAST, A-RANK MONSTERS...
AND THERE ARE OVER A HUNDRED OF THEM!
I CAN TELL THAT THERE ARE OVER A THOUSAND OF THEM.
HAS THE BATTLE OFFICIALLY BEGUN?
JINWOO, SIR... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

JINWOO, SIR!!



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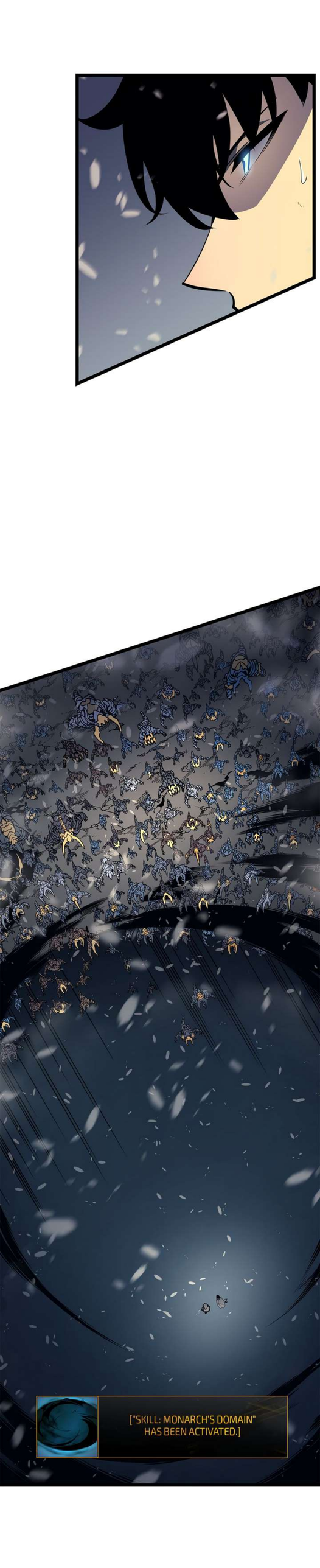
WHOOSH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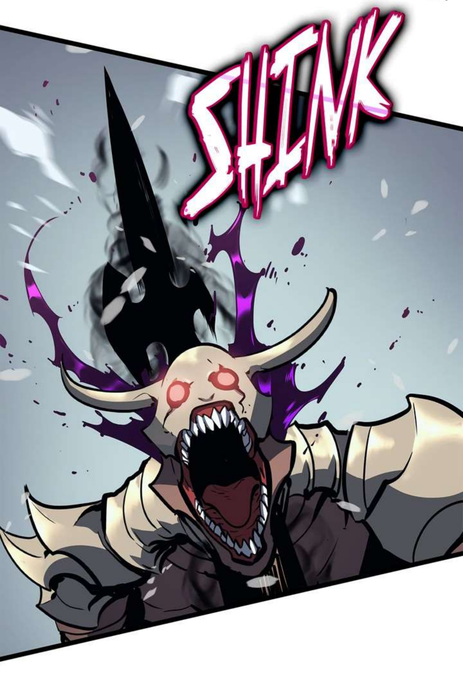
COME FORTH!!


SHINK

STAB
SHINK

SLASH

PIERCE

STAB

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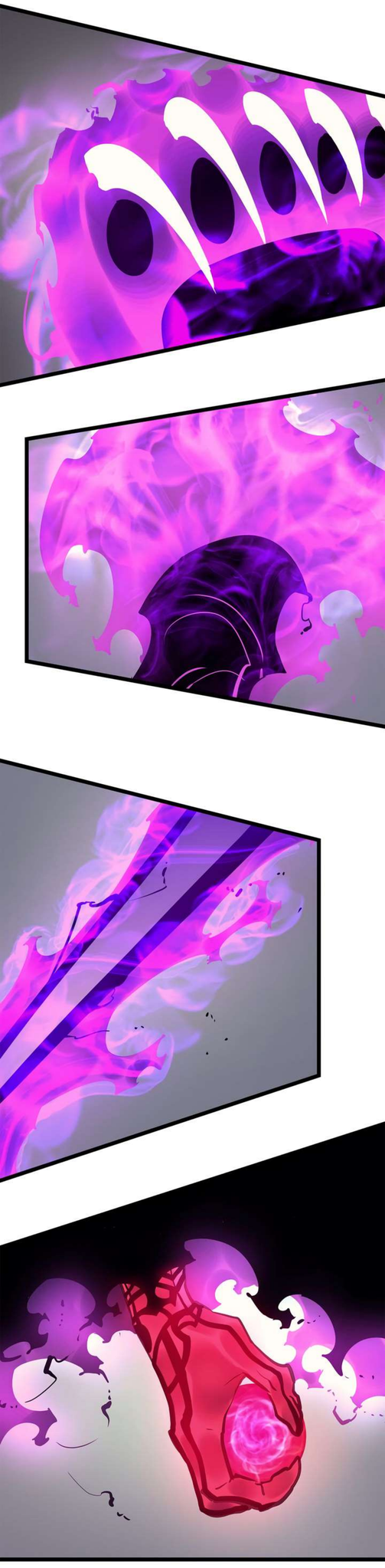
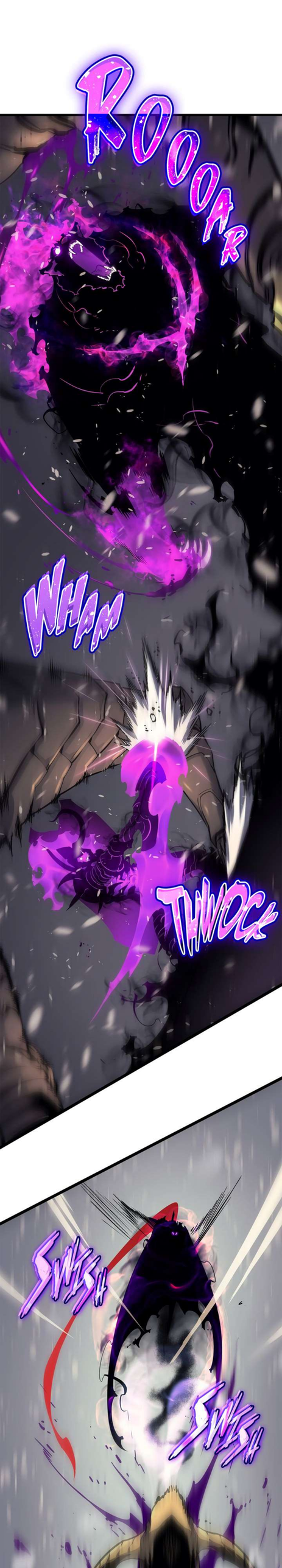
PIERCE

WHOA...!

FSHHH
FSHH




ROOAR
WHAM
THWOCK
SWISH
SWISH

LEAP

[TUSK HAS USED
"SKILL: HYMN OF BLAZING FIRE.]

BOOM
BLAST
BOOM
BLAST
BANG

WOW...
WE'VE BEEN CLIMBING UP THE FLOORS TOGETHER, BUT IT'S MY FIRST TIME WITNESSING HIM IN A BATTLE OF THIS MAGNITUDE!
BUT OVER THERE IS BARAN, THE DEMON KING.
THE SUPREME RULER OF THIS PLACE.

AND JINWOO IS THE INVADER.
A THREAT THAT NEEDS TO BE ELIMINATED.

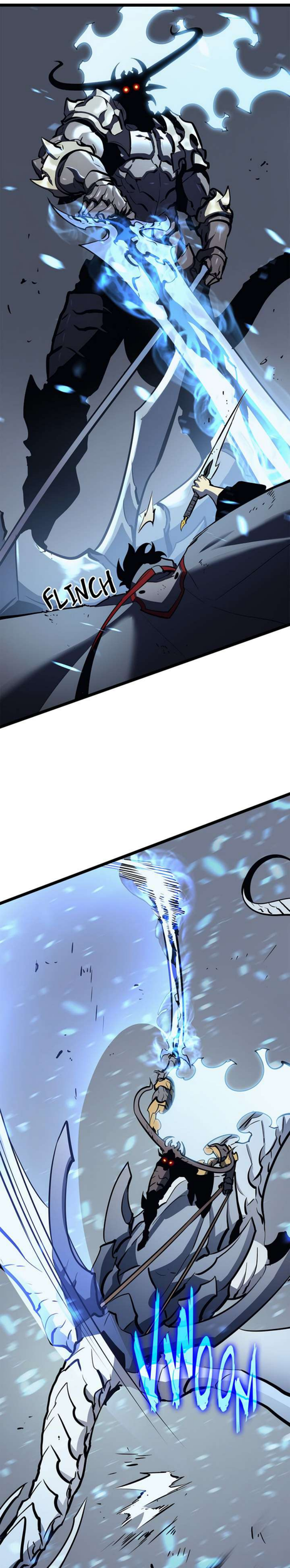
WHAT ABOUT ME...?
WHOSE SIDE AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE?

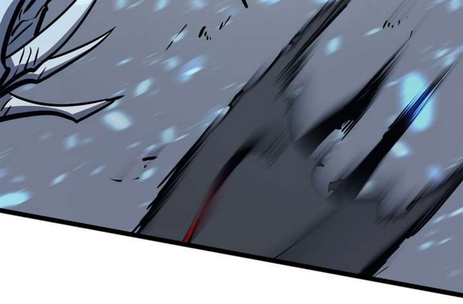
ZZZZ
ZZZZ

BZZZT
CRACK
RUMBLE
CRACK
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
RUMBLE
CRACK

THIS ISN'T JUST LIGHTNING.
["BUFF: IMMUNITY" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED. YOU ARE NOW RESISTANT TO ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR STATUS.]
ZZZT
ZZZT
["BUFF: IMMUNITY" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED. YOU ARE NOW RESISTANT TO ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR STATUS.]
IT'S A SPELL WITH STUN EFFECTS THAT HAS A WIDE AREA OF EFFECT.
ZZZT
ZZZT
IF I CAN'T BLOCK THIS SPELL, ALL OF MY SHADOW SOLDIERS WILL BE TORN TO SHREDS AND MY MANA WILL BECOME DRAINED.

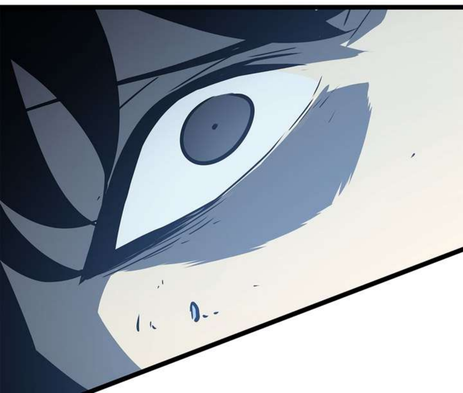
JUMP
TAP
I'LL GO FOR THE WINGS FIRST...!
CLANG


FLINCH
VWOOM



CRASH

MMPH...!

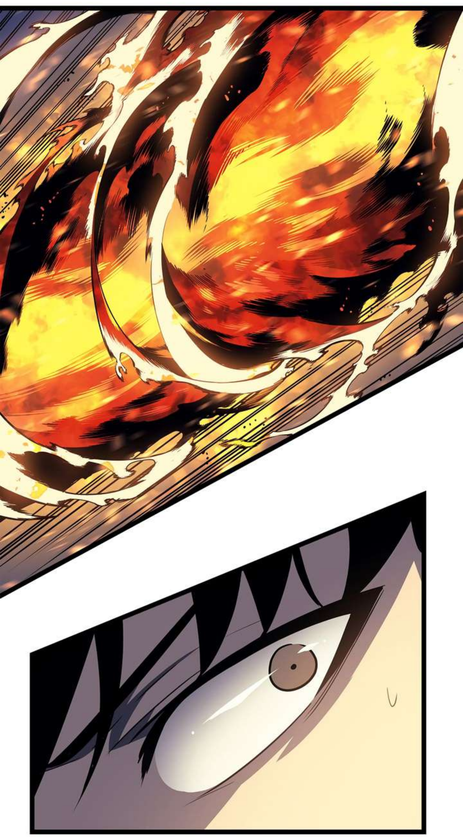


ZZZZ

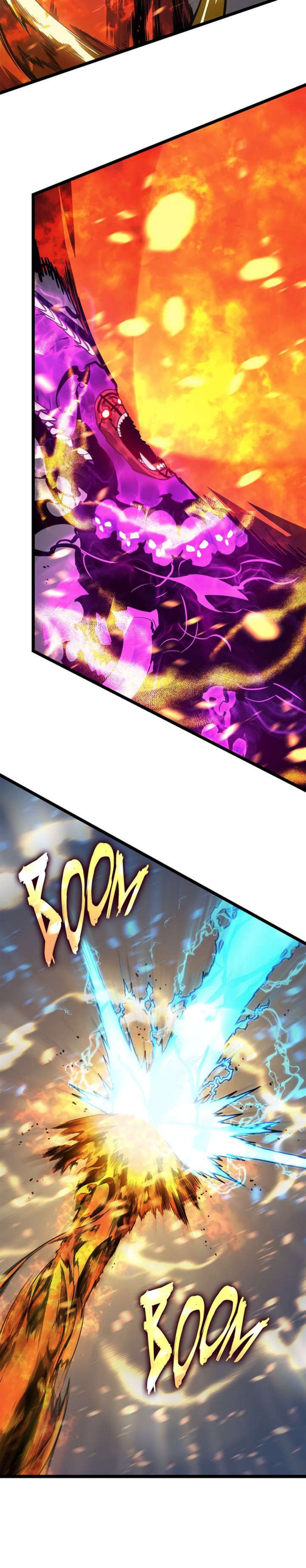
ZZZZZZT

SLAAAM

BOOOOM
HE'S SO FAST... HE'S GOING TO CATCH UP!
MY ROBE CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH TO PROTECT ME...!

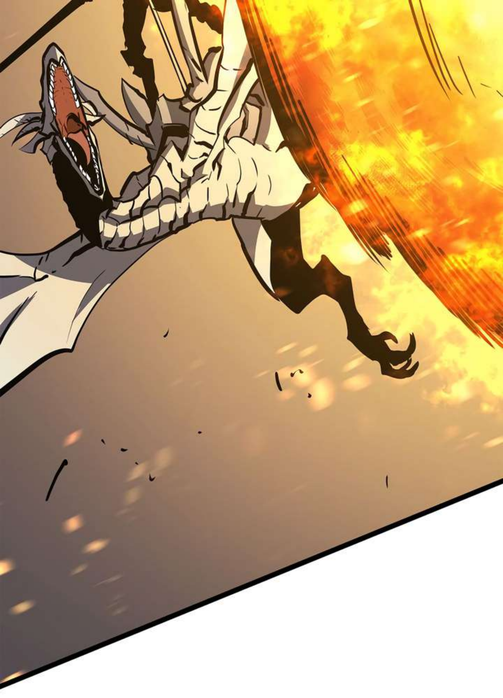


KA
BOOM


BOOM
BOOM

BZZZT

FWOOSH



I'M GLAD I GAVE TUSK THE ORB OF AVARICE.

CRASH

I FINALLY GOT YOU DOWN HERE.

I WAS GETTING TIRED OF..

...LOOKING UP AT YOU.

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THERE ARE SOME SKILLS THAT DON'T CONSUME ANY OF MY MANA,

LIKE "THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH" AND SKILLS USED TO PRESERVE AND SUMMON MY SHADOW SOLDIERS.

SKILL

THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH LV.2
ACTIVE SKILL.
NO MANA REQUIRED.

THE ABILITY TO PHYSICALLY CONTROL OBJECTS WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM.

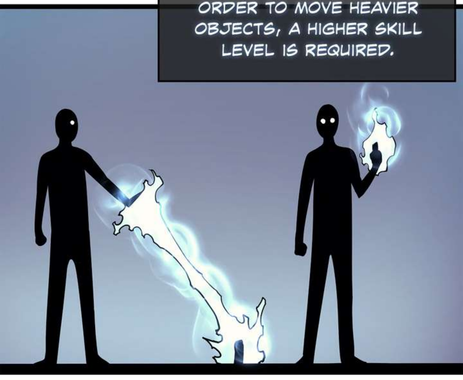
SKILL

SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.2
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.
NO MANA REQUIRED.

SHADOW SOLDIERS CAN BE ABSORBED AND PRESERVED BY THE SUMMONER. PRESERVED SOLDIERS CAN BE SUMMONED AT ANY TIME, OR BE REABSORBED FOR LATER USE.

"THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH" ALLOWS ME TO EXERT PHYSICAL FORCE ON AN OBJECT,

BUT REQUIRES NO MANA TO DO SO. THE ONLY THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT IN ORDER TO MOVE HEAVIER OBJECTS, A HIGHER SKILL LEVEL IS REQUIRED.



LIKEWISE, MY SHADOW SOLDIERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESERVED, SO I DON'T NEED TO USE MANA TO SUMMON THEM.

BUT WHEN THEY GET DESTROYED... NOW, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.

SHADOW SOLDIERS THAT ARE DESTROYED CONSUME MANA TO REBUILD THEMSELVES. ONCE MY MANA RESERVES BECOME DEPLETED, THEY ARE NO LONGER CAPABLE OF REGENERATION AND RETURN BACK INTO THE SHADOWS.
THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO INCREASE MY MANA BY RAISING MY INTELLIGENCE STAT.
HOWEVER, THIS DEMON HAS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AS WELL AS POWERFUL MAGIC CAPABILITIES.
I WONDER HOW HIS SOLDIERS ARE ABLE TO MOVE.
IF HIS SOLDIERS CAN'T REGENERATE AFTER BEING DESTROYED, RESUMMONING THEM SHOULD BE TAKING A TOLL ON HIS MANA RESERVES...!
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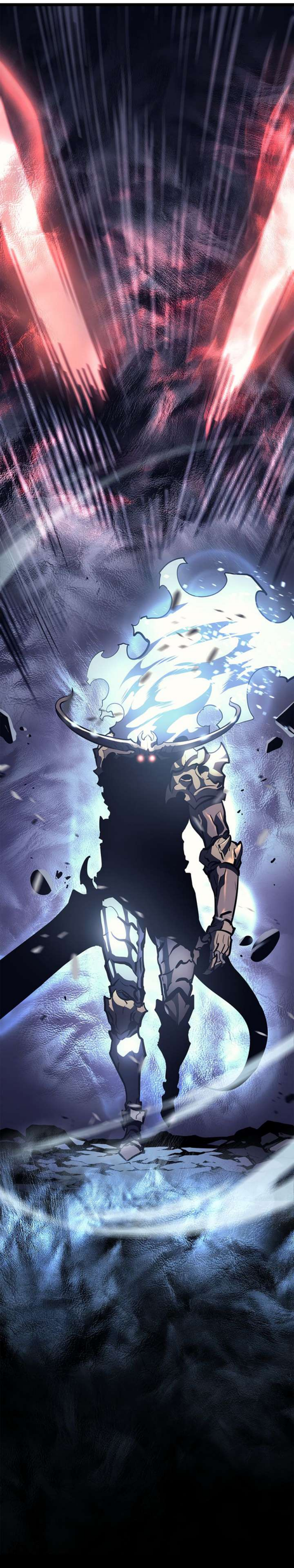

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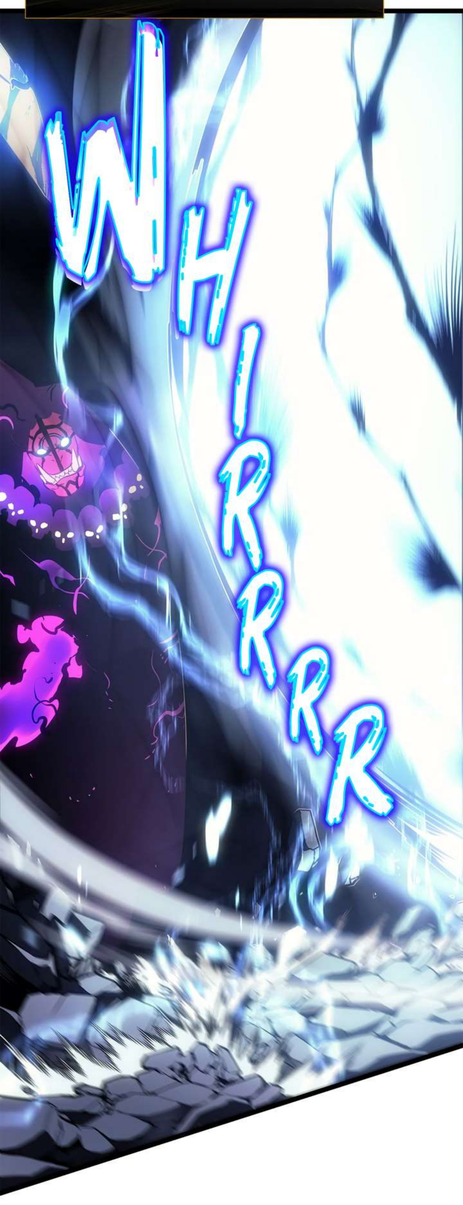
[TUSK HAS USED "SKILL: HYMN OF PROTECTION."]



I'M STARTING TO RUN LOW ON MANA.

HE'S NOT EVEN GIVING ME A CHANCE TO REPLENISH MY RESERVES!

[MP : 2,938 / 7,270]

REGENERATION USES UP A GREAT DEAL MORE MANA WHEN ONE OF MY HIGH-RANKING SOLDIERS IS DESTROYED.
BUT EVEN SO, I CAN'T FIGHT THIS BATTLE WITHOUT THEIR HELP...
I MUST WIN THIS BATTLE BEFORE I RUN OUT OF MANA!
ROOOAR

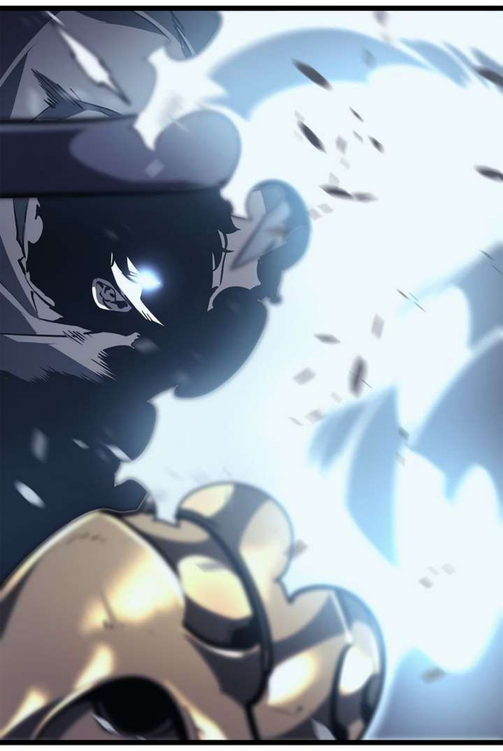
WHAM
STAB
ZZZZ+

ZZZ+

LEAP

SWOOSH
GRAB

WHIRR
WHIRR



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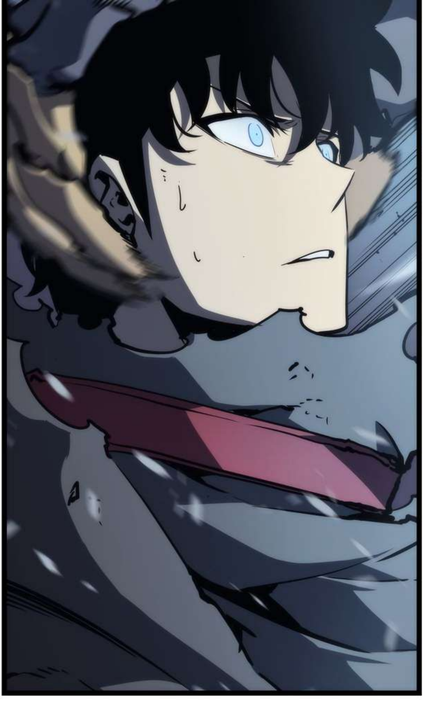
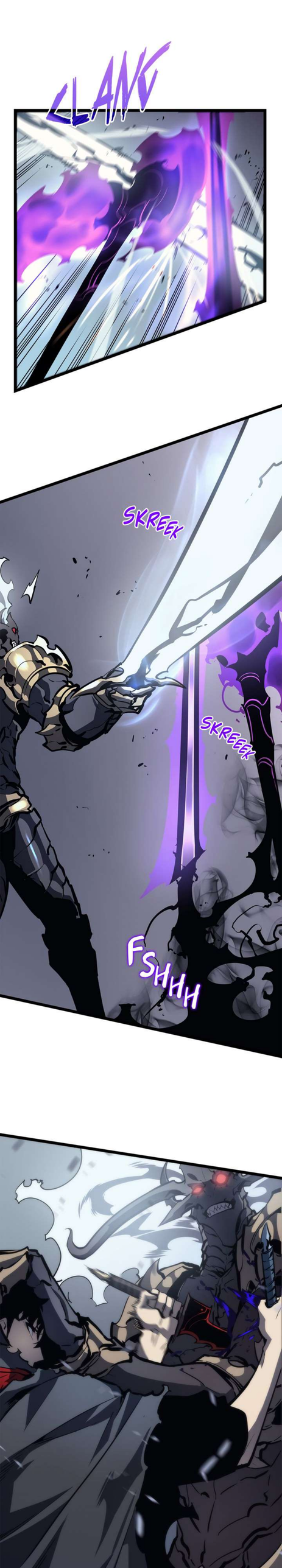
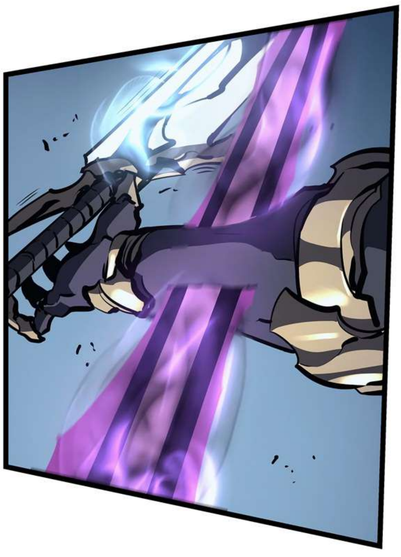
CLANK
CLANG

HE WAS ABLE TO BLOCK MY CRITICAL ATTACK?!

GRAB



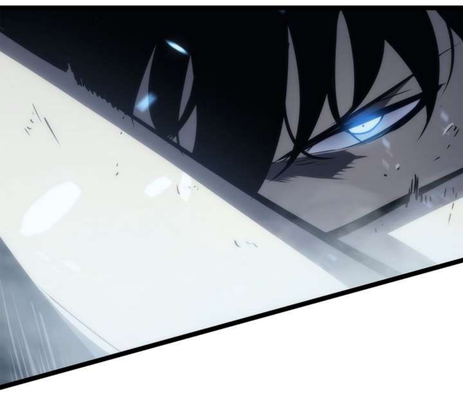

CLANG
SKREEK
SKREEEK
FSHHH



ROAR
ROOOAR

BOOM

WHOOSH



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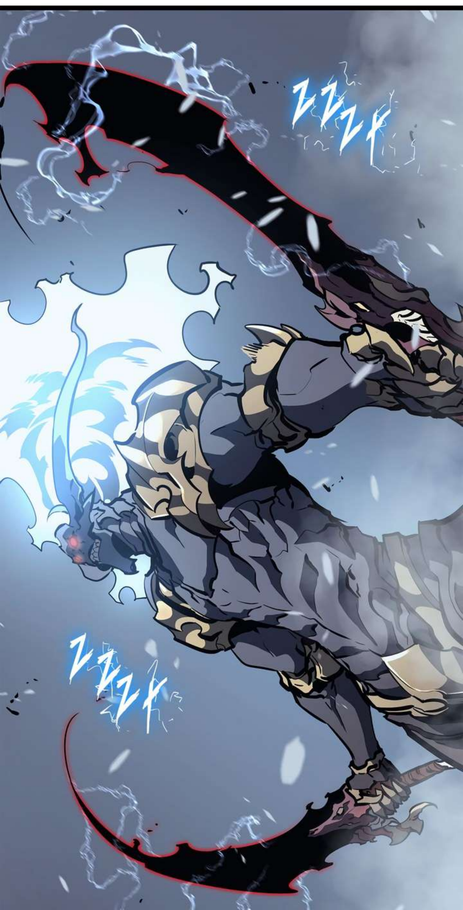
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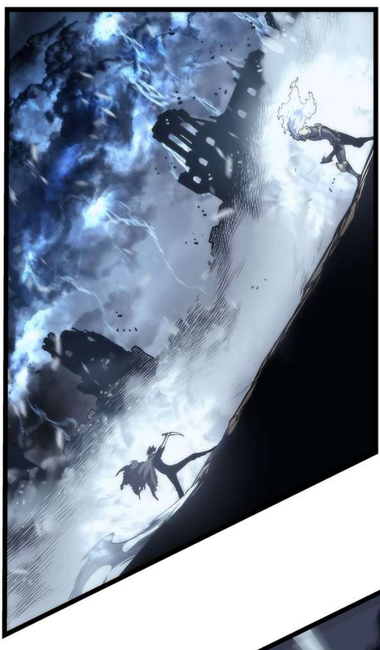
RAISE



DAAASH

CLANG

VWOOM

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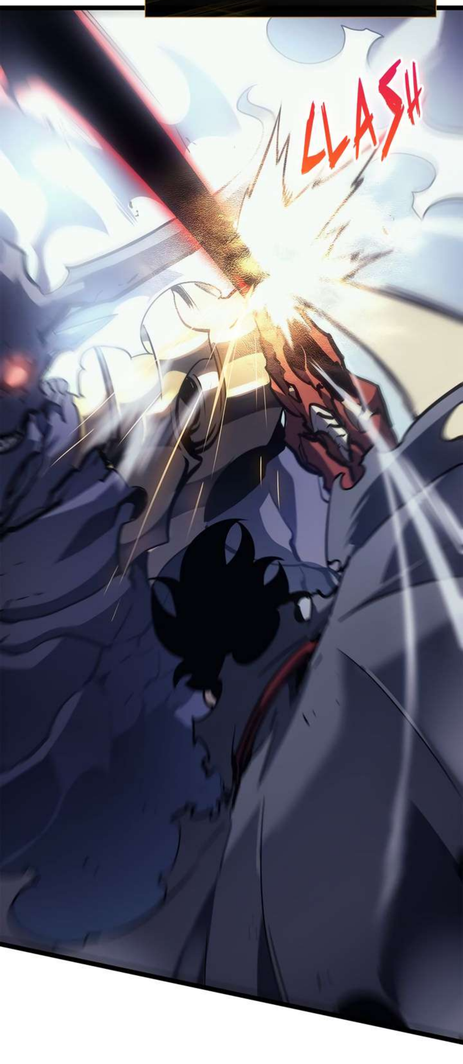
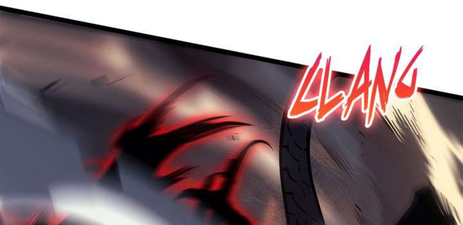
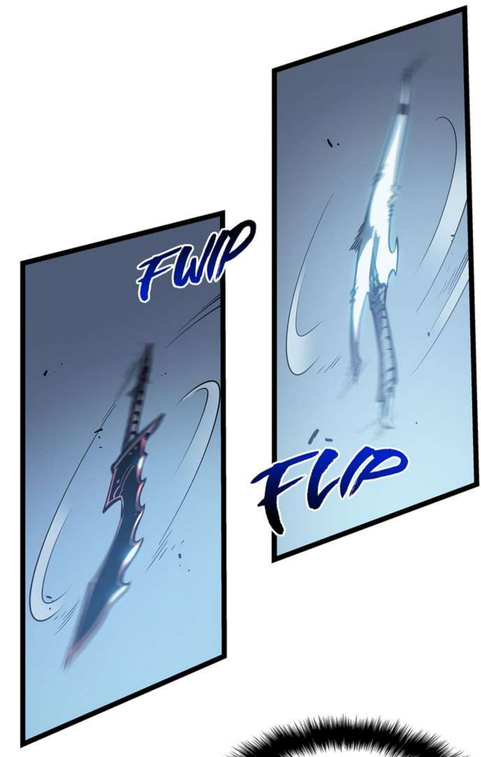




CLINK
SKREEK
CLASH
CLANG
ZZZZZ

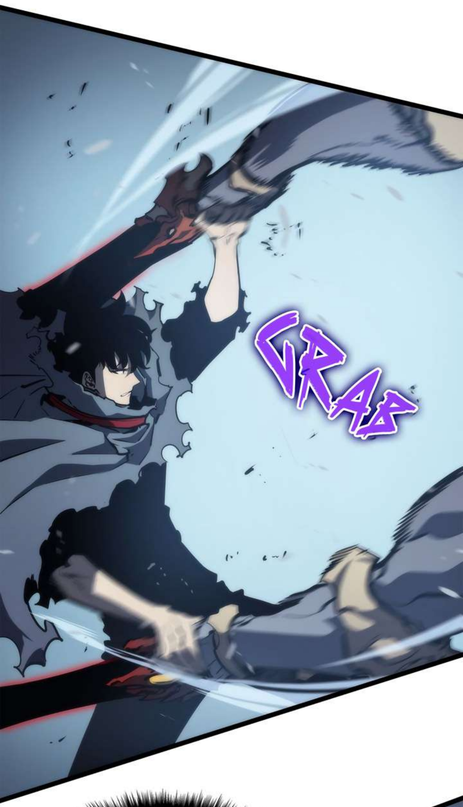
FROM THIS DISTANCE?!
WHIRR
SKREEK
SKREEK
WHIRR
SKREEK

LLASH

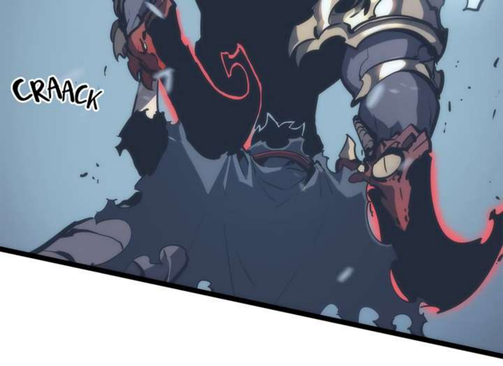

FWIP
FLIP

DAMN IT,
MY BLADE...!

VWOOM


GRAB

MMPH...
HIS STRENGTH IS UNBELIEVABLE!


CRAACK

ZZT
ZZT

AGAIN? DOES HE HAVE AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF MANA OR SOMETHING?

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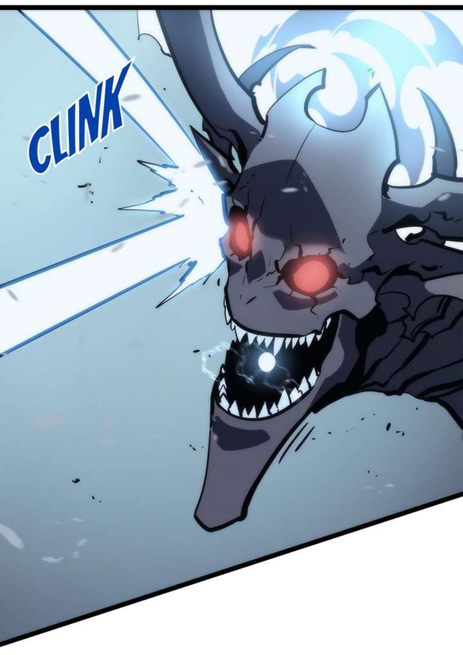
WHIRRR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SWISH

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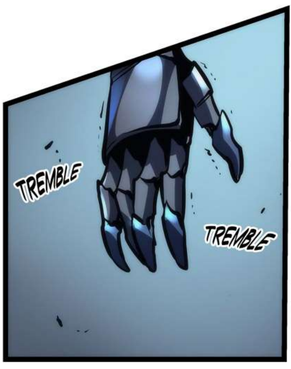
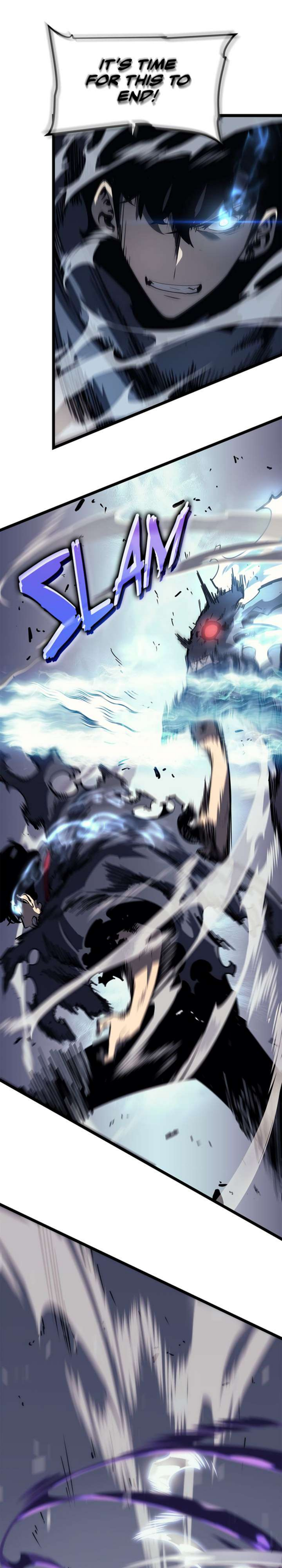
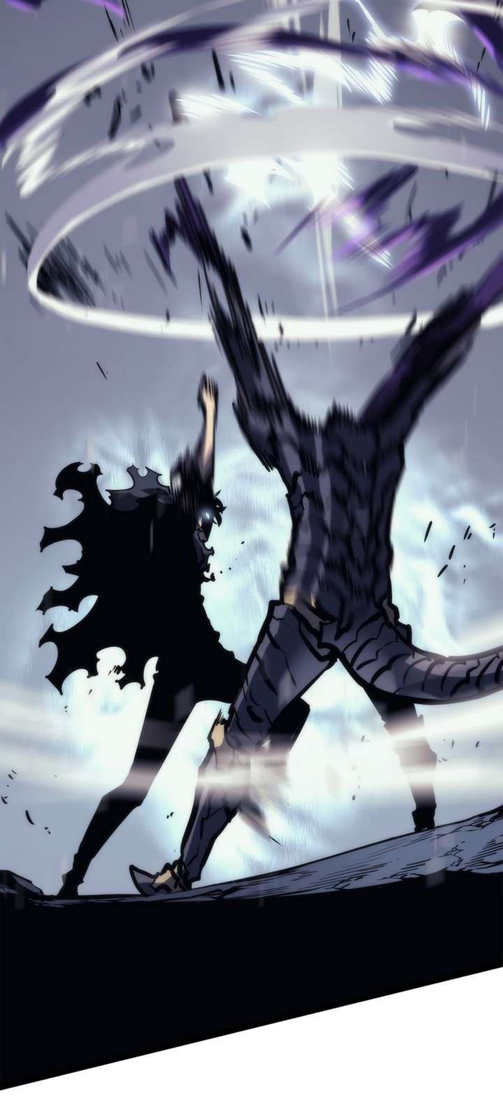

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

GLANCE

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
I'LL USE MY INTELLIGENCE STAT THAT I INVESTED SO HEAVILY IN,
AND "THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH"!
[SKILL: "THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

THAT'S ENOUGH!


IT'S TIME FOR THIS TO END!
SLAM



JINWOO, SIR...

[YOU HAVE DEFEATED BARAN, THE DEMON KING.]
CRASH

[YOU HAVE OBTAINED BARAN'S SOUL.]
[QUEST "COLLECT THE DEMONS' SOULS 2" HAS BEEN COMPLETED.]

JINWOO, SIR!
SPRINT

ESIL.
FLOP
GO AND TELL YOUR FATHER.

GO AND TELL HIM THAT THE RADISH CLAN IS NOW THE NUMBER ONE CLAN.

JINWOO, SIR...

THE NAME OF MY CLAN IS RADIRU.
[SUNG JINWOO'S LEVEL: 97]

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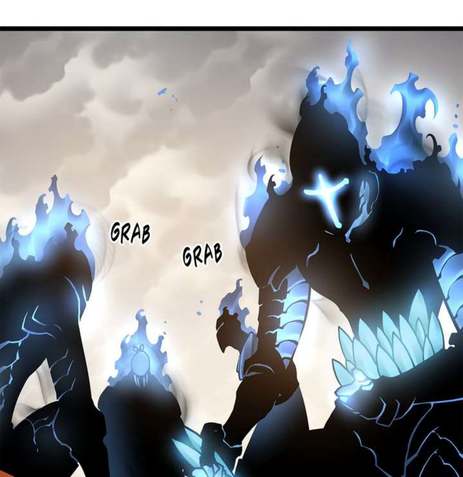


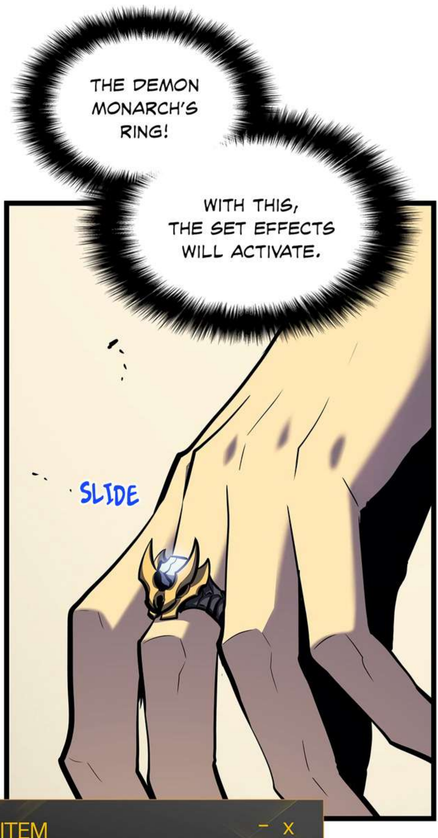
YOU HAVE FOUND [ITEM: DEMON MONARCH'S RING].

YOU HAVE FOUND [ITEM: DEMON KING'S LONGSWORD].

YOU HAVE FOUND TWO [ITEM: DEMON KING'S DAGGERS].

YOU HAVE FOUND TWO [ITEM: BARAN'S HORNS].

YOU HAVE FOUND [MATERIAL ITEM: PURIFIED BLOOD OF THE DEMON KING].



ITEM

[ITEM: DEMON MONARCH'S RING]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: ACCESSORY

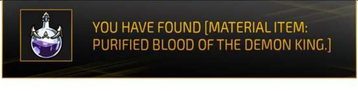
SENSE +20, INTELLIGENCE +20

SET EFFECTS WILL BE ACTIVATED WHEN THIS ITEM IS WORN WITH THE DEMON MONARCH'S EARRING AND THE DEMON MONARCH'S NECKLACE.

SET EFFECT 1. ALL STATS +5
SET EFFECT 2. ALL STATS +10

SET ITEM EFFECT
LV.1
DING
SET EFFECT 1. ALL STATS +5
SET EFFECT 2. ALL STATS +10

BUT THIS ONE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM.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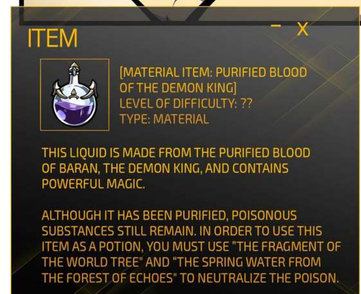
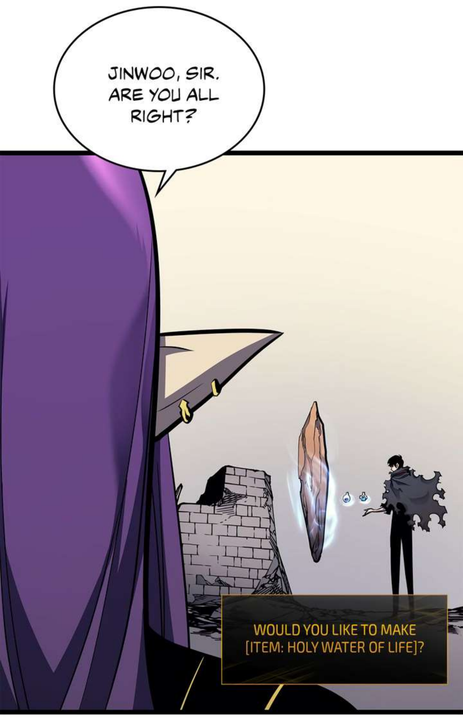
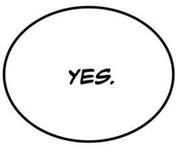
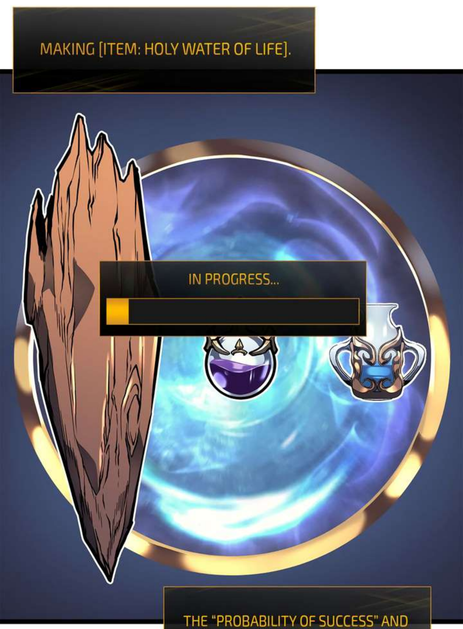
PURIFIED BLOOD OF THE DEMON KING.


ITEM
[MATERIAL ITEM: PURIFIED BLOOD OF THE DEMON KING]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: ??
TYPE: MATERIAL
THIS LIQUID IS MADE FROM THE PURIFIED BLOOD OF BARAN, THE DEMON KING, AND CONTAINS POWERFUL MAGIC.
ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN PURIFIED, POISONOUS SUBSTANCES STILL REMAIN. IN ORDER TO USE THIS ITEM AS A POTION, YOU MUST USE "THE FRAGMENT OF THE WORLD TREE" AND "THE SPRING WATER FROM THE FOREST OF ECHOES" TO NEUTRALIZE THE POISON.

CRAFT
[CONSUMABLE: HOLY WATER OF LIFE (3/3)]


JINWOO, SIR. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE [ITEM: HOLY WATER OF LIFE]?


YES.


MAKING [ITEM: HOLY WATER OF LIFE].
IN PROGRESS...
THE "PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS" AND THE "NUMBER OF ITEMS CRAFTED" WILL DEPEND ON THE CRAFTER'S INTELLIGENCE STAT POINTS.

[10]

[9]

THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS AND THE NUMBER OF ITEMS CRAFTED DEPEND ON MY INTELLIGENCE STAT POINTS?

IF I'D KNOWN ABOUT THIS, I WOULD'VE FOCUSED ON INCREASING MY INTELLIGENCE STAT...

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE LEVEL OF SKILL NEEDED TO CRAFT THE ITEM? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE AN ISSUE.

[8]

[7]

[6]

[5]

[4]

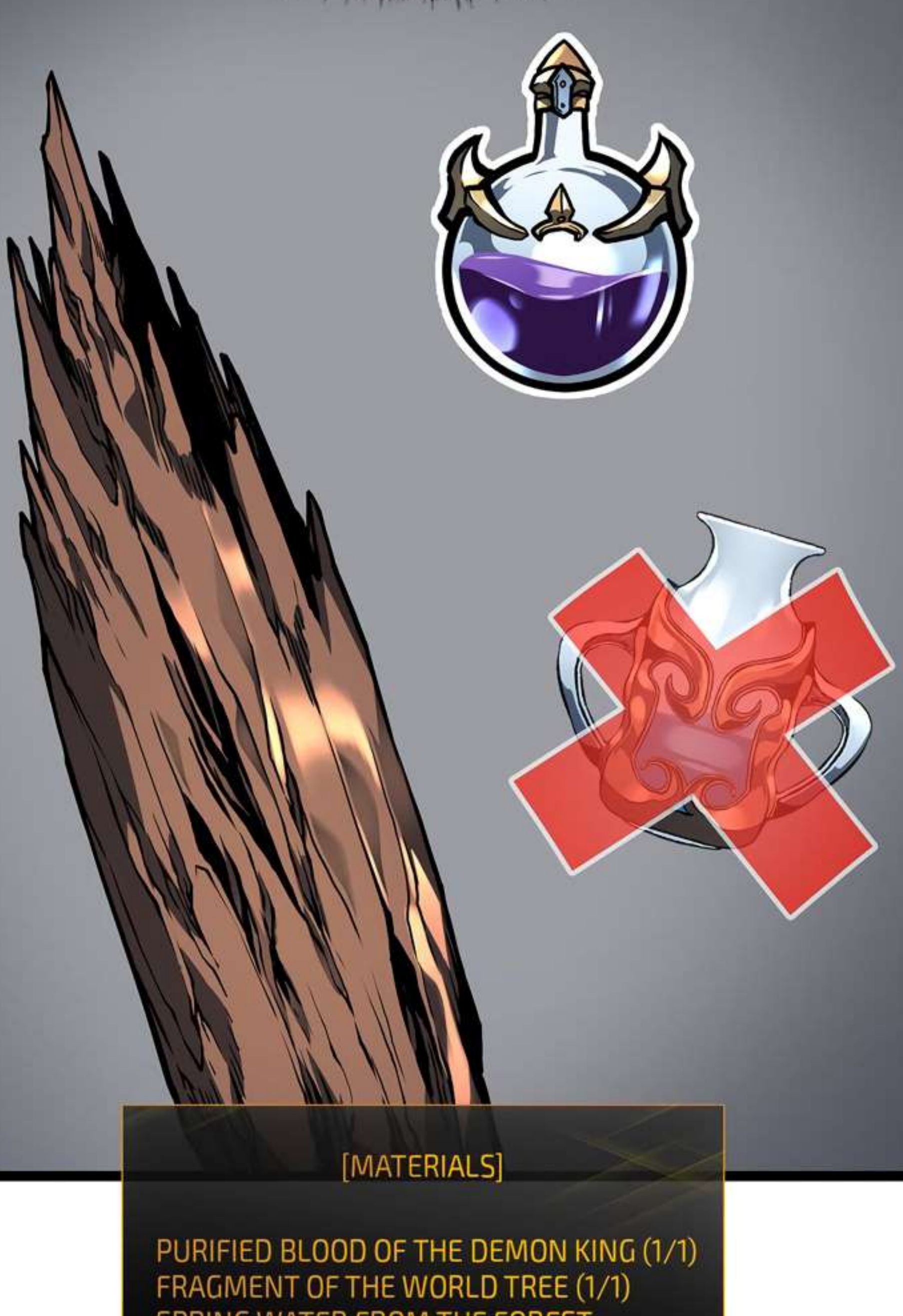
[3]

[2]

[1]

[THE ITEM WAS SUCCESSFULLY CRAFTED!]

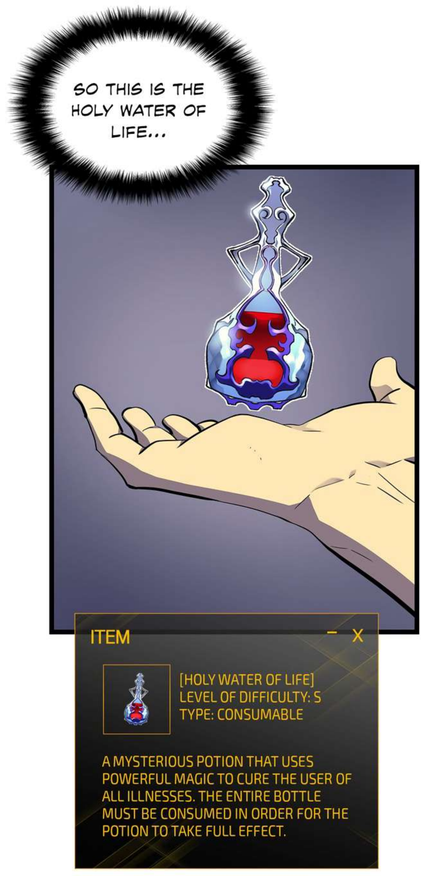
SOME OF
THE DEMON KING'S
BLOOD WAS USED UP AND
A BIT OF THE WORLD TREE
FRAGMENT WAS CHIPPED
AWAY AT, BUT THE SPRING
WATER FROM THE FOREST
OF ECHOES IS GONE.



[MATERIALS]

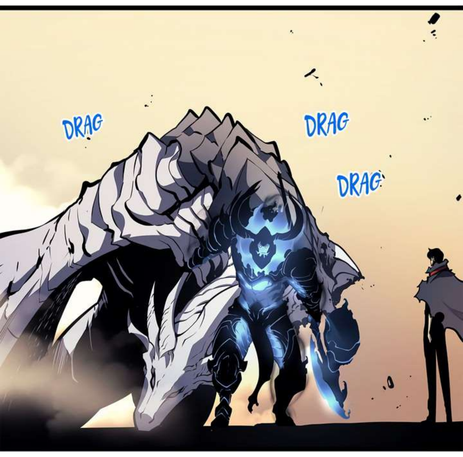
PURIFIED BLOOD OF THE DEMON KING (1/1)
FRAGMENT OF THE WORLD TREE (1/1)
SPRING WATER FROM THE FOREST
OF ECHOES (0/1)

DOES THAT
MEAN NOT ALL OF THE
MATERIALS ARE USED
TO CRAFT AN ITEM?
I GUESS ONLY THE
NEEDED AMOUNT
IS USED.

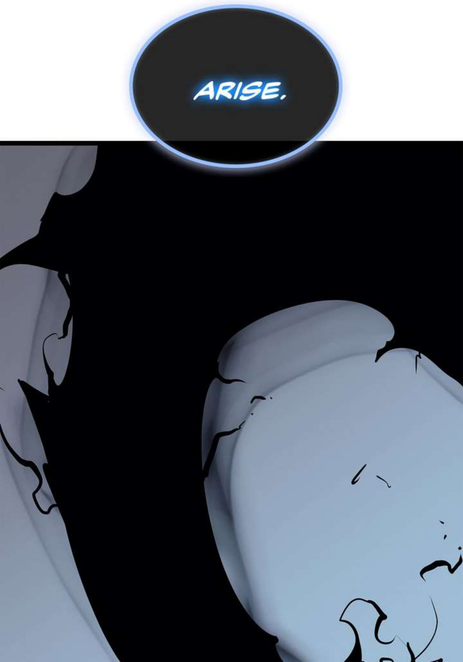

SO THIS IS THE HOLY WATER OF LIFE...

ITEM
– X
[HOLY WATER OF LIFE]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: CONSUMABLE
A MYSTERIOUS POTION THAT USES POWERFUL MAGIC TO CURE THE USER OF ALL ILLNESSES. THE ENTIRE BOTTLE MUST BE CONSUMED IN ORDER FOR THE POTION TO TAKE FULL EFFECT.

WILL THIS ITEM BE ABLE TO CURE MY MOTHER'S ILLNESS?
I WANT TO GO AND FIND OUT RIGHT NOW!

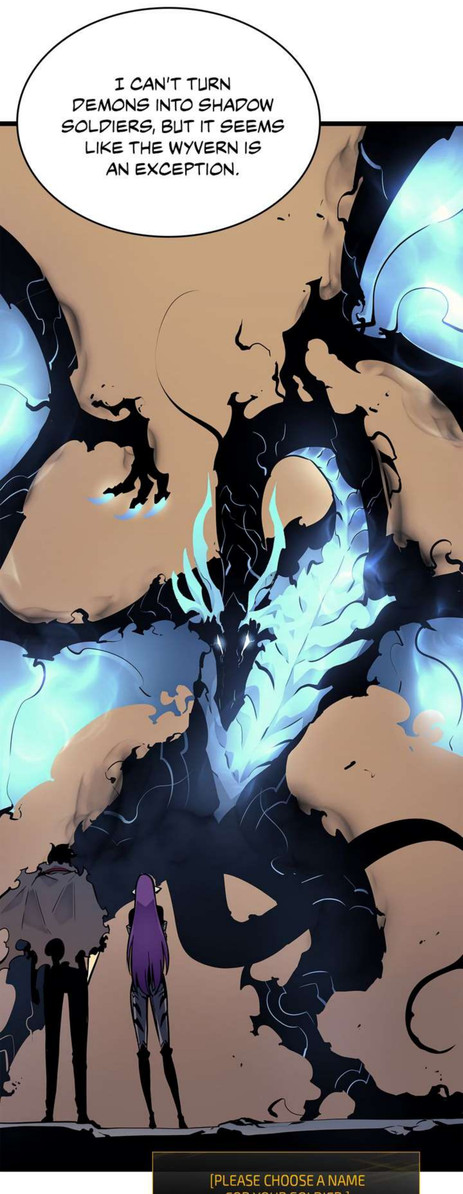

DRAG
DRAG
DRAG

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE, IRON.
YOU CATCH ON FAST.
FWIP


ARISE.

FSHHHH

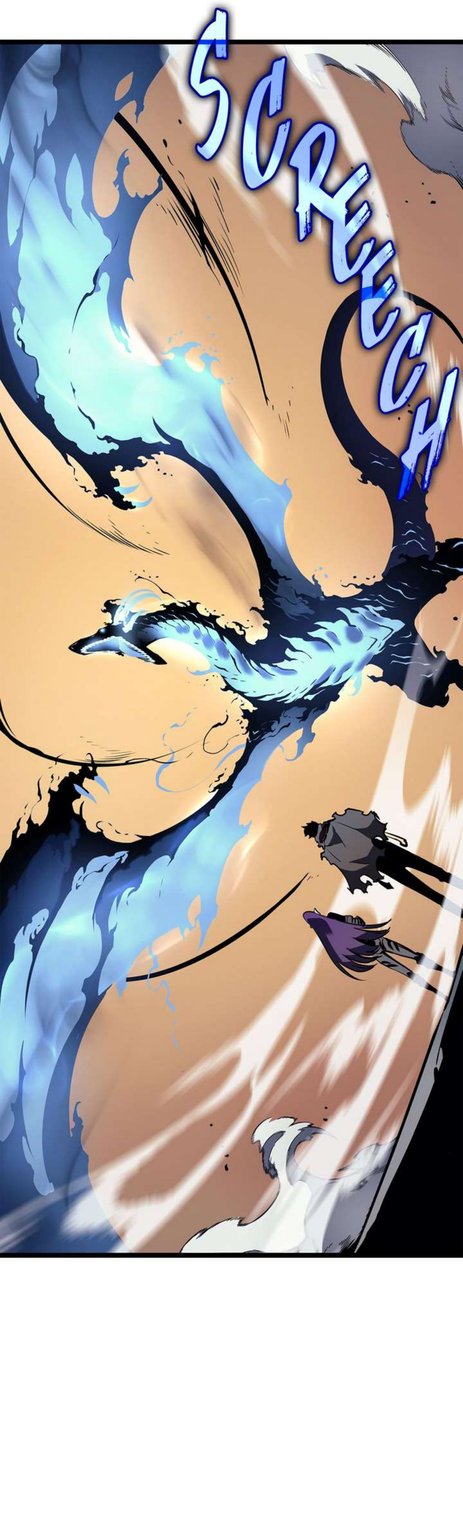
JINWOO, SIR. THAT'S...!


I CAN'T TURN DEMONS INTO SHADOW SOLDIERS, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE WYVERN IS AN EXCEPTION.
[PLEASE CHOOSE A NAME FOR YOUR SOLDIER.]

WYVERN KAISELLIAN...? KALLEKALLIN?
WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

JINWOO, SIR. YOU'RE PRETTY BAD WITH NAMES...

KAISEL.



[REGULAR QUEST: COLLECT THE DEMONS' SOULS! (2)] HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

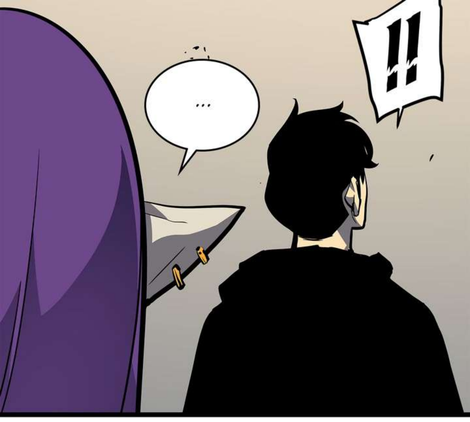
REWARD 1. TOP-TIER RUNE STONE
REWARD 2. BONUS STATS +30
REWARD 3. UNDISCLOSED REWARD

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED A TOP-TIER RUNE STONE CONTAINING THE "SHADOW EXCHANGE" SKILL.]

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED "BONUS STATS +30."]

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE TITLE: "DEMON SLAYER."]

YOU HAVE NOT MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE [TITLE: DEMON SLAYER.]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A RUNE STONE CONTAINING THE SHADOW EXCHANGE SKILL?

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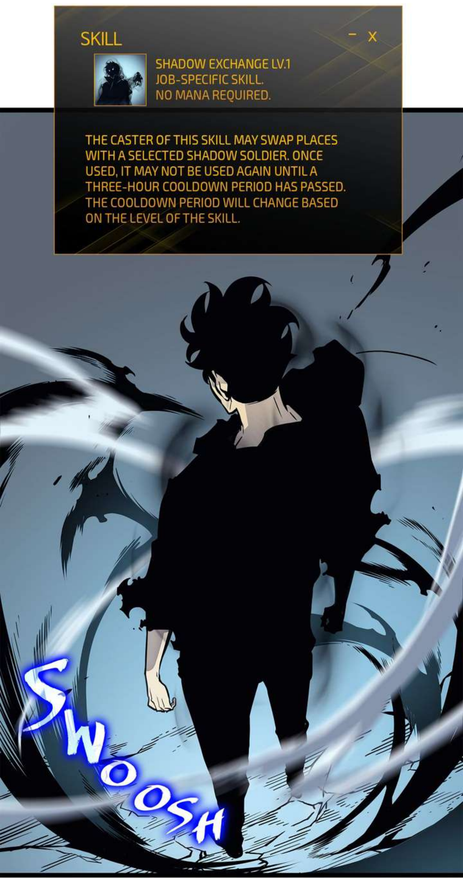
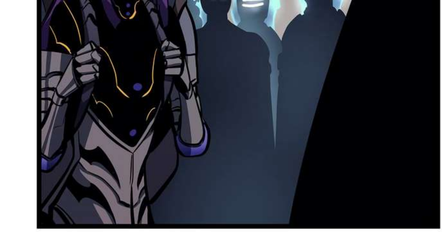

SKILL
SHADOW EXCHANGE LV.1
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.
NO MANA REQUIRED.
THE CASTER OF THIS SKILL MAY SWAP PLACES WITH A SELECTED SHADOW SOLDIER. ONCE USED, IT MAY NOT BE USED AGAIN UNTIL A THREE-HOUR COOLDOWN PERIOD HAS PASSED. THE COOLDOWN PERIOD WILL CHANGE BASED ON THE LEVEL OF THE SKILL.
SWOOSH

THIS IS AWESOME!
I CAN SWAP PLACES WITH A SHADOW SOLDIER NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE!
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
I CAN BASICALLY TELEPORT!

GOOD WORK, EVERYONE.
ESIL, I'M SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN WITHOUT ME.
HUH? WHAT ABOUT THE BANQUET...?



THE RADISH CLAN IS ON THE 80TH FLOOR.

FSHHH

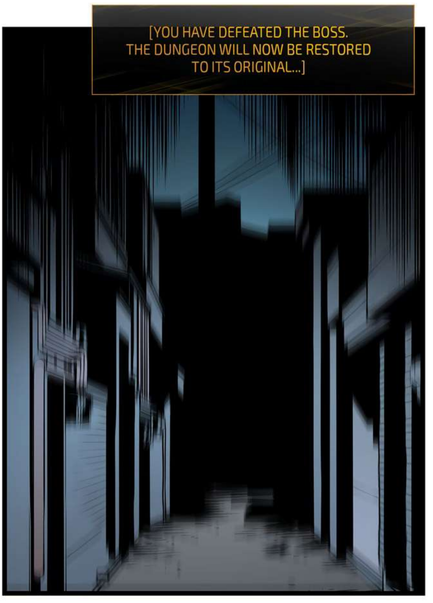
IT'S TOO FAR AWAY.

I'LL SEE YOU AROUND.

GOODBYE.

[SKILL: "SHADOW EXCHANGE" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

JINWOO, SIR! I'M...!


[YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE BOSS.
THE DUNGEON WILL NOW BE RESTORED
TO ITS ORIGINAL...]

HUH?
?
?

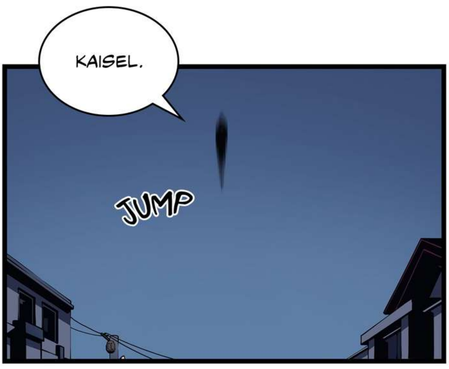
HAA...
?
?

I'VE COME...
FSHHHH

...TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT WORKED.
I ACTUALLY SWAPPED PLACES.

[SHADOW EXCHANGE LV.1]
[...THIS SKILL MAY BE USED AGAIN IN 2 HOURS, 59 MINUTES, AND 57 SECONDS.]


KAISEL.
JUMP

SWOOSH

THIS VIDEO WAS SENT OVER FROM JAPAN.
IT WAS TAKEN BY A SATELLITE CAMERA THAT CAN DETECT MANA.

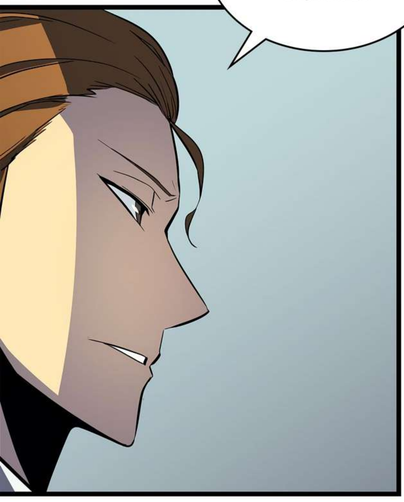
DOCUMENTATION OF THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS, HUH...?
JUST AS GOTO RYUJI ASSURED US, IT LOOKS LIKE ALL OF THE ANTS CAME CRAWLING OUT OF THEIR TUNNELS, LEAVING BEHIND THE QUEEN AND HER GUARDS.

THE FACT THAT THE ANTS ARE CHANGING IN APPEARANCE MUST BE PROOF THAT THEY'RE EVOLVING WITH EACH NEW GENERATION.
EACH GENERATION PROBABLY LASTS A YEAR... SINCE THAT'S HOW LONG THEIR LIFESPAN IS.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE ANTS GUARDING THE QUEEN, BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW BEASTS GUARDING THE BOSS IN ANY HIGH-RANKING DUNGEON.

ONCE THE ANTS LEARN THEIR QUEEN IS IN DANGER, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF THEM RETURNING TO THE TUNNELS BEFORE WE GET THE JOB DONE?

WE'LL BE SENDING OUT JAMMING SIGNALS.



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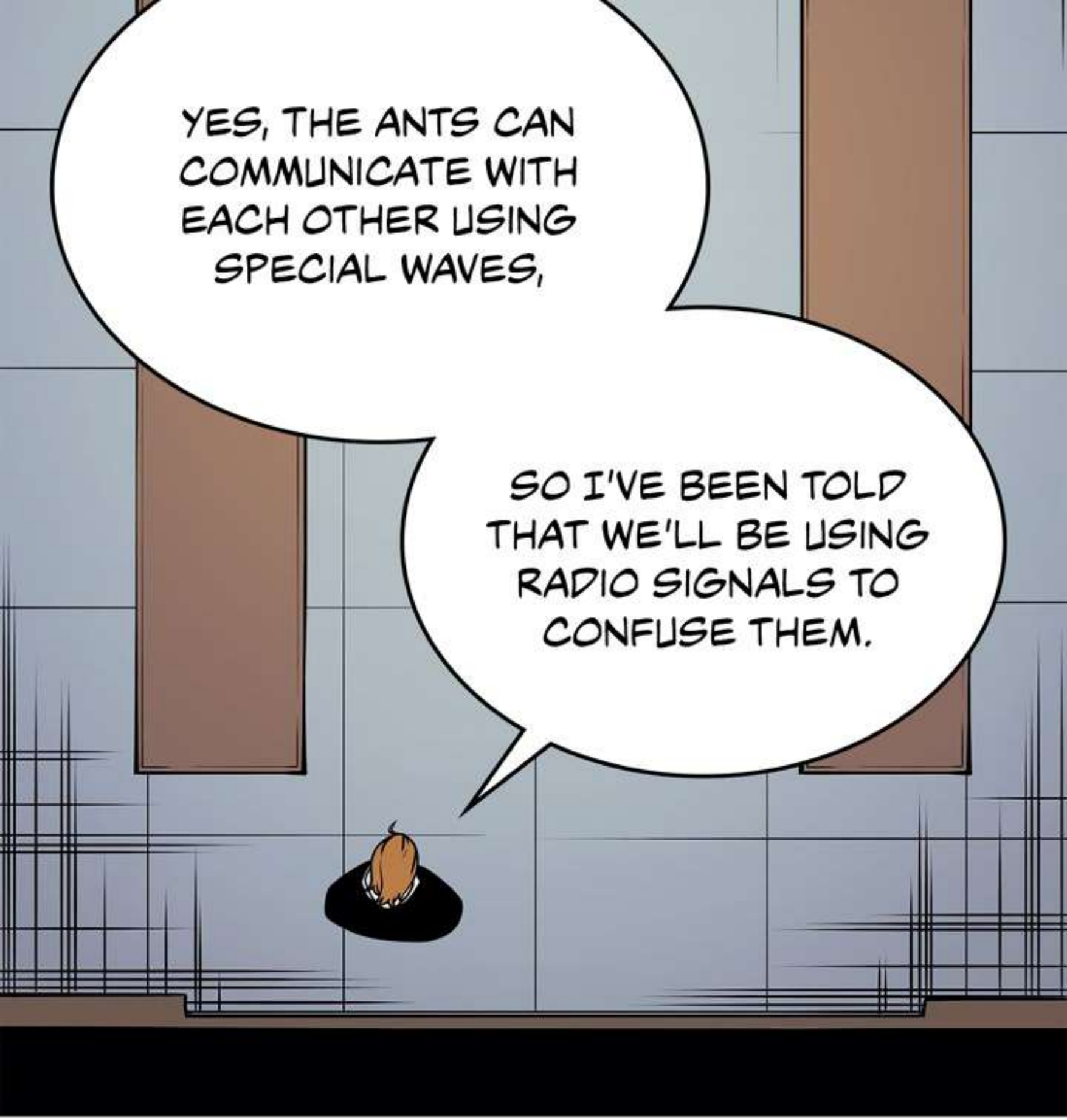
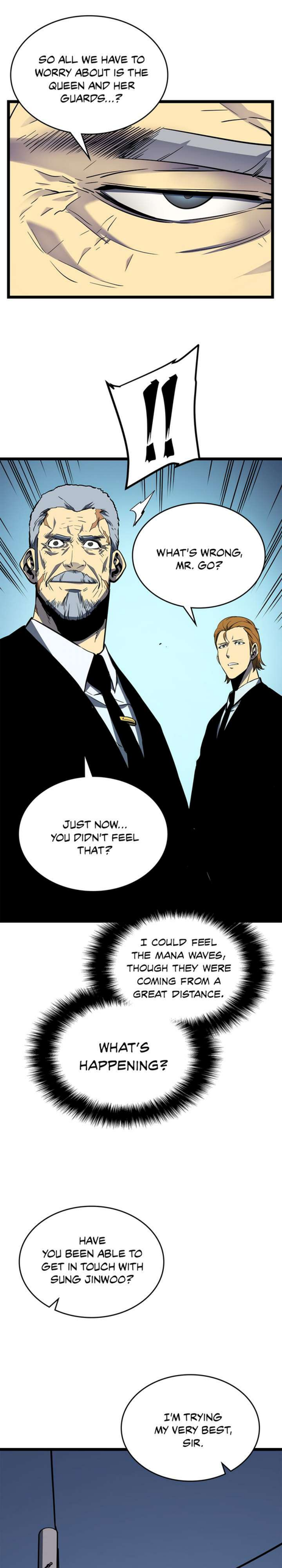

YES, THE ANTS CAN COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER USING SPECIAL WAVES,
SO I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT WE'LL BE USING RADIO SIGNALS TO CONFUSE THEM.


SO ALL WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS THE QUEEN AND HER GUARDS...?
!!
WHAT'S WRONG, MR. GO?
JUST NOW... YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT?
I COULD FEEL THE MANA WAVES, THOUGH THEY WERE COMING FROM A GREAT DISTANCE.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SUNG JINWOO?
I'M TRYING MY VERY BEST, SIR.

DID YOU FEEL THAT, TOO?
YEP, JUST BECAUSE I'M RETIRED DOESN'T MEAN I'VE LOST MY TOUCH.

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
CHOI JONG-IN AND CHA HAE-IN ARE PROBABLY DUKING IT OUT OVER THEIR SHARES IN THE GUILD OR SOMETHING.

S-RANK HEALER
MIN BYUNG-GU

ITEM

[NAME: DEMON KING'S DAGGER]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: DAGGER

ATTACK +220

A DAGGER OBTAINED FROM BARAN, THE DEMON KING. A SET EFFECT WILL BE ACTIVATED WHEN TWO "DEMON KING'S DAGGERS" ARE USED AT ONCE.

SET EFFECT "TWO AS ONE": EACH DAGGER WILL RECEIVE BONUS ATTACK DAMAGE BASED ON THE CASTER'S STRENGTH STAT POINTS.

ITEM

[NAME: DEMON KING'S LONGSWORD]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: LONGSWORD

ATTACK +350

A LONGSWORD CONTAINING THE POWERS OF BARAN, THE DEMON KING. THE EFFECT "STORM OF WHITE FLAMES" WILL ACTIVATE EVERY TIME THIS SWORD IS SWUNG.

EFFECT "STORM OF WHITE FLAMES": A VIOLENT THUNDERSTORM IS SUMMONED WITHIN A SPECIFIED AREA.

ITEM

[NAME: DEMON MONARCH'S RING]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: ACCESSORY

SENSE +20, INTELLIGENCE +20

SET EFFECTS WILL BE ACTIVATED WHEN THIS ITEM IS WORN WITH THE DEMON MONARCH'S EARRING AND THE DEMON MONARCH'S NECKLACE.

SET EFFECT 1. ALL STATS +5
SET EFFECT 2. ALL STATS +10

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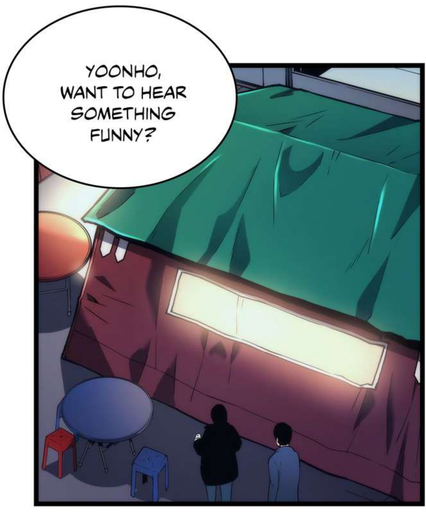


EVERYTHING
ABOUT MIN BYUNG-GU,
INCLUDING HIS SENSE OF
HUMOR, IS A LITTLE ODD.

HE'S THE FIRST S-RANK HUNTER TO HAVE RETIRED DESPITE BEING IN PERFECT SHAPE.

ACTUALLY, HE'S NOT JUST THE FIRST, BUT THE ONLY ONE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

S-RANK HUNTERS ARE PAID VERY HANDSOMELY. I WONDER WHO ELSE WOULD QUIT JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FEEL LIKE BEING A HUNTER ANYMORE.

HE DOESN'T EVEN COME FROM A RICH FAMILY.

YOONHO, ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT GOING?

SOJU BEER

YEP.

BUT YOU SAW HOW EUNSEOK DIED.

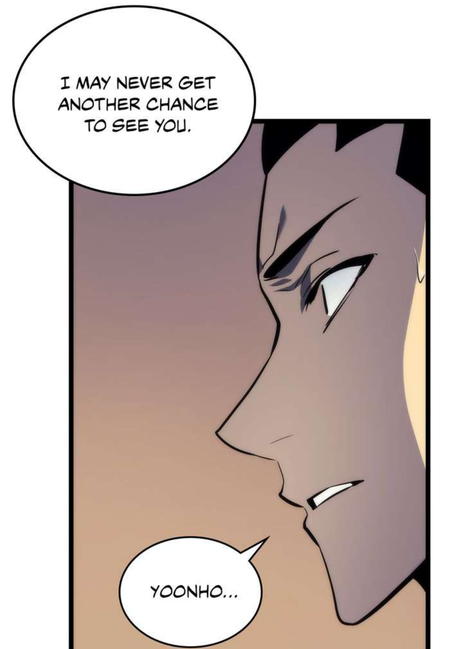
ALL THE MORE REASON TO GO.
IF WE DON'T DEAL WITH THE ANTS, EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE.

SINCE WHEN WERE YOU SO PATRIOTIC...?

I HAVE TO GO EITHER WAY, SO I MIGHT AS WELL DO IT FOR A GOOD REASON.
CLACK

WELL, I'M NOT GOING.
NO WAY IN HELL.
IF YOU CAME HERE LOOKING TO RECRUIT ANOTHER HUNTER, YOU'VE COME TO THE WRONG-

NO,
I CAME TO SAY MY GOODBYES, SINCE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.


I MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE YOU.
YOONHO...

WELL... I'M PREPARING TO TAKE THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM.
I JUST WANT TO BE A TEACHER AND LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE A TEACHER?

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THIS ALREADY, BUT... YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION IS TRYING TO FORM A GUILD, SO THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED HUNTERS.
THEY CONTACTED ME, OFFERING ME THE GUILD MASTER POSITION.
SINCE MY RETIREMENT, MANY DIFFERENT COMPANIES HAVE MADE ME GENEROUS OFFERS, NOT JUST YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION.

I... MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT...

...I'M NOT FIT FOR A JOB WHERE YOU MUST KILL OR BE KILLED.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TAKE THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM.

I'M THINKING OF TEACHING KOREAN HISTORY.

WHY KOREAN HISTORY?

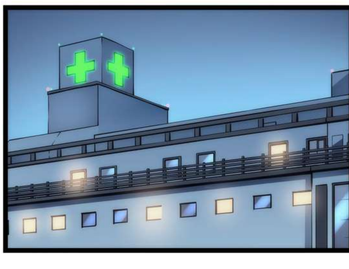
YOU KNOW ME, MAN. I LOVE ME SOME HISTORICAL DRAMAS.

YOU'RE SUCH A NUTCASE.

NO, THIS IS JUST... WHAT AN ORDINARY LIFE LOOKS LIKE.

I WANT TO READ ABOUT WAR IN HISTORY BOOKS, NOT FIGHT IN ONE, THAT'S ALL.
THAT'S RIGHT, HE'S THE NORMAL ONE...
...AND HUNTERS ARE THE ABNORMAL ONES.
HMM, COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE AREN'T MANY HUNTERS WHO DISLIKE FIGHTING MAGIC BEASTS.
I GUESS A FEW HEALERS DON'T LIKE TO... SINCE THEY'RE ALL ABOUT HEALING OTHERS.

WAIT, IS AN AFFINITY FOR FIGHTING ONE OF THE QUALITIES REQUIRED TO BECOME AN AWAKENED BEING?
NAH, NO WAY.
HAVE ANOTHER GLASS.
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!



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FSHH

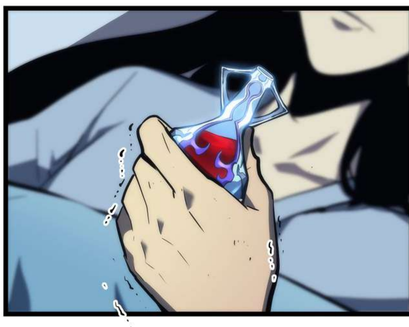
IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, THERE'S NO TURNING BACK.

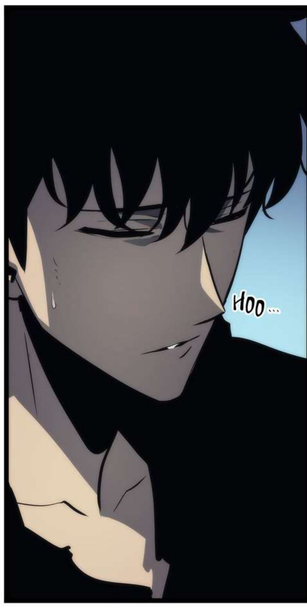
SHE MAY NOT BE CAPABLE OF SWALLOWING THE HOLY WATER OF LIFE... AND EVEN IF SHE IS, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE SHE'LL BE CURED.

BUT...
I'VE SEEN THE SYSTEM WORK MANY MIRACLES UP UNTIL NOW.
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME IS A TRULY INCREDIBLE STORY.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE SYSTEM'S POWERS THAT...
...I STARTED AS AN E-RANK AND CAME ALL THIS WAY.

I SHOULD PLACE MY TRUST IN THE SYSTEM ONCE MORE.
POP

SLIDE

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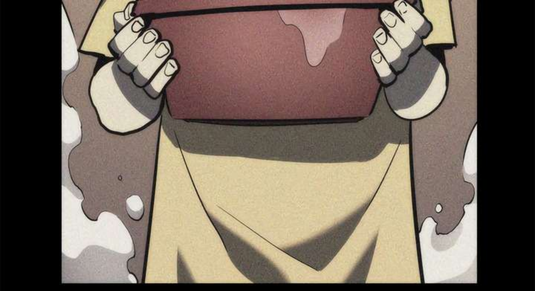
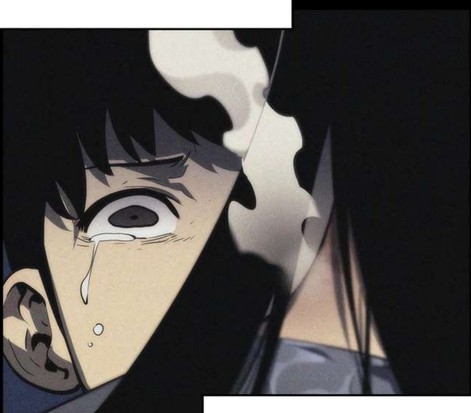
PLEASE...

ALL I'D WANTED
TO DO WAS WASH MY
MOTHER'S HAIR.



MY MOTHER WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME, EVEN THOUGH I'D MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE...



I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE HER THAT SCAR.

THE COLOR HAS RETURNED TO HER FACE, SO WHY ISN'T SHE WAKING UP?

LET ME CARRY THE WEIGHT...

...THAT YOU'VE BEEN BURDENED WITH FOR ALL THESE YEARS, MOM.

PLEASE...

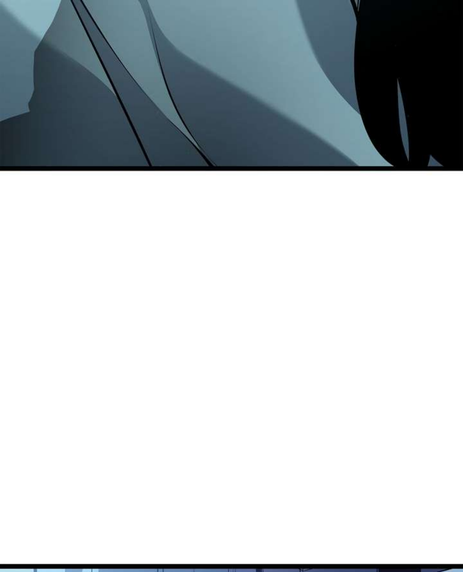
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE.

THANK YOU!

I GUESS IT'S GOING TO BE SUMMER SOON.

THE WIND FEELS WARM.

JINWOO...
IS THAT YOU?



HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?

FOR FOUR YEARS...

BUT YOU'RE HURT...

JINWOO, MY SON...
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT, HAVEN'T YOU?

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THE PATIENT'S GUARDIAN IS DEMANDING THAT SHE BE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT! THE PATIENT'S CONDITION IS NOT YET STABLE! SHE WAS BEDRIDDEN FOR OVER FOUR YEARS.

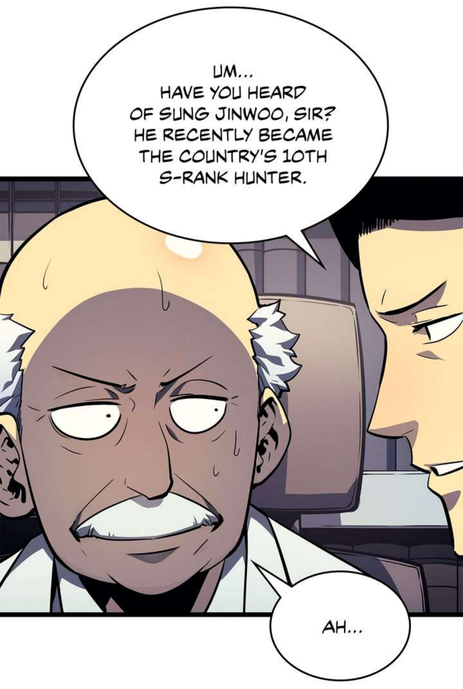
SHE PROBABLY CAN'T EVEN WALK...!

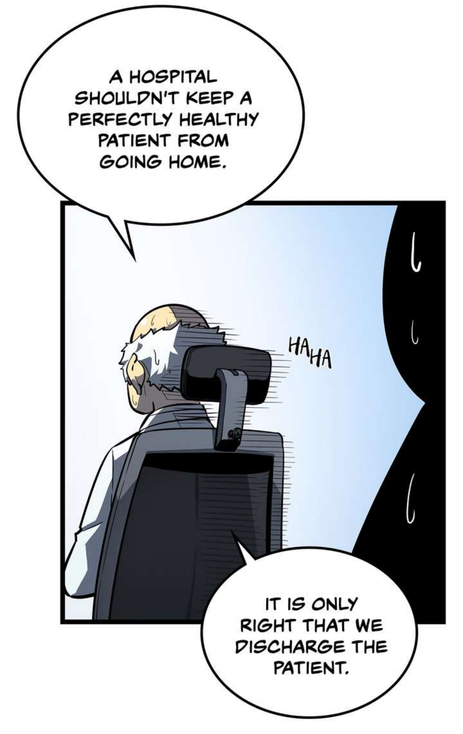
THE THING IS... ALL HER TESTS CAME BACK NORMAL.

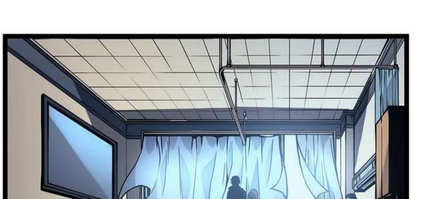
SHE'S COMPLETELY HEALTHY AND CAN EVEN WALK ALL BY HERSELF.

SHE HASN'T MOVED FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, BUT HER BODY IS FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY FINE...?

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE LIFE SUPPORT MACHINE?
HMM... EVEN IF SHE'S FINE, WE CAN'T JUST DISCHARGE HER FROM THE HOSPITAL.
WE MUST INFORM THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS...
I TRIED REASONING WITH THE PATIENT'S GUARDIAN, BUT... HE'S NO ORDINARY PERSON.
THE PATIENT'S GUARDIAN?

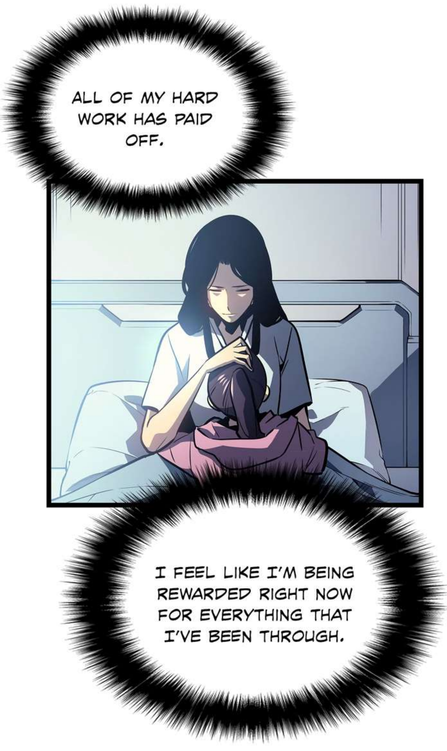

UM...
HAVE YOU HEARD OF SUNG JINWOO, SIR? HE RECENTLY BECAME THE COUNTRY'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER.
AH...


A HOSPITAL SHOULDN'T KEEP A PERFECTLY HEALTHY PATIENT FROM GOING HOME.
HAHA
IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT WE DISCHARGE THE PATIENT.



JINAH, LOOK HOW MUCH YOU'VE GROWN.

MOM...



BUT...

...I'M NERVOUS THAT...

...AS A HUNTER,

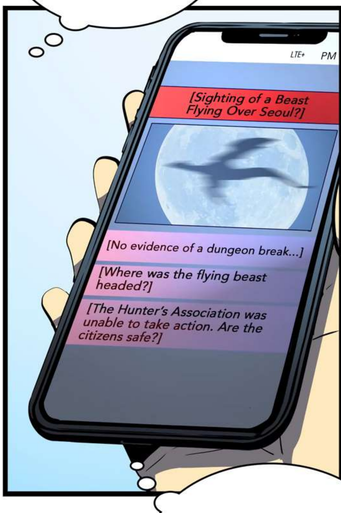
I'VE CROSSED A BRIDGE
OF NO RETURN.

I HAVEN'T CHECKED MY PHONE IN A WHILE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN INSIDE THE DEMONS' CASTLE.

I HAVE A TON OF MISSED CALLS.

WELL, IF IT'S SOMETHING URGENT, THEY'LL PROBABLY CALL ME BACK SOON ENOUGH.

IS THIS... NEWS ABOUT KAISEL?



WHY ARE THE REPORTERS WRITING ABOUT THIS?

HELLO?

MR. SUNG JINWOO,

THIS IS GO GUNHEE FROM THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION SPEAKING.

A CALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF?
MR. GO? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD BY NOW.
HEARD... WHAT?
HAVE YOU NOT BEEN WATCHING THE NEWS?
AH, HE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT KAISEL. NEWS TRAVELS FAST.

OH, SORRY
ABOUT THAT. I'LL
BE CAREFUL FROM
NOW ON.

PARDON?
WAS HE NOT TALKING ABOUT KAISEL?
OH... MAY I ASK WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, SIR? I'VE BEEN OFF THE GRID, SO I HAVEN'T HAD ACCESS TO MY PHONE.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU REALLY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING. WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I TOLD YOU IN PERSON? I'LL STOP BY TODAY.
NO, I'LL GO TO YOU.

THE OPERATION WILL LAUNCH IN FOUR DAYS.

WE'LL BE GOING TO JEJU ISLAND TO EXTERMINATE THOSE DAMN ANTS.

BUT TO PULL IT OFF, WE NEED YOUR HELP, MR. SUNG.

ALL OF SOUTH KOREA HAS LONGED FOR THE RECLAMATION OF JEJU ISLAND.

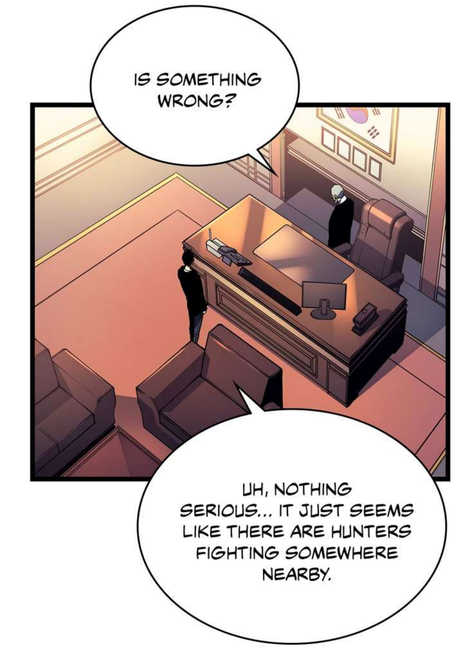
PLEASE FIGHT WITH US.

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D JUMP AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO SOMEWHERE WITH

HIGH-RANKING BEASTS SO
THAT I CAN LEVEL
UP, BUT...

I'M...

SWOOSH
MANA WAVES?


IS SOMETHING WRONG?
UH, NOTHING SERIOUS... IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE HUNTERS FIGHTING SOMEWHERE NEARBY.

HAHAHA, AS EXPECTED. YOUR SENSES ARE SHARP.
I'M IMPRESSED YOU FELT THAT FROM SUCH A DISTANCE AWAY.

THE S-RANK HUNTERS ARE PROBABLY WARMING UP IN THE GYM RIGHT NOW.

PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT YOU FELT?

S-RANK HUNTERS?

YES, THEY'RE WARMING UP BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE JEJU ISLAND RAID.

THE JAPANESE S-RANK HUNTERS, INCLUDING GOTO RYUJI, ARE ALL HERE AS WELL.

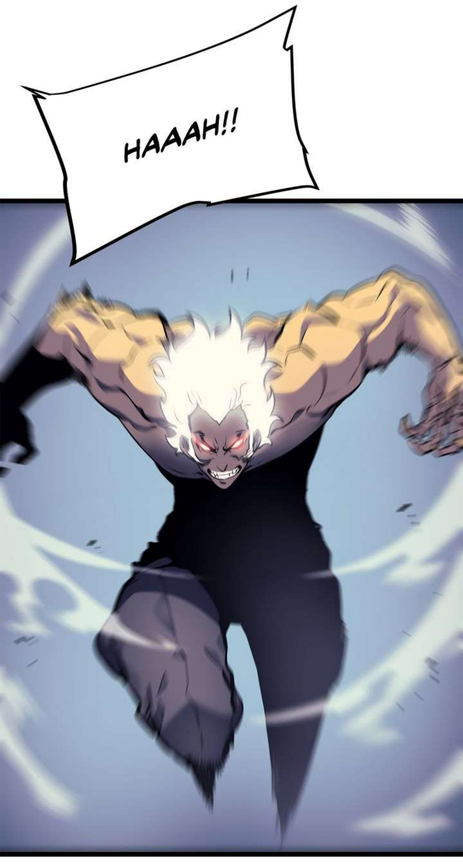
GOTO RYUJI? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

YES. *THE* GOTO RYUJI, THE GREATEST HUNTER IN JAPAN,

AND A NAME EVERYONE HAS PROBABLY HEARD OF

AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIVES, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT A HUNTER.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH ME TO THE GYM?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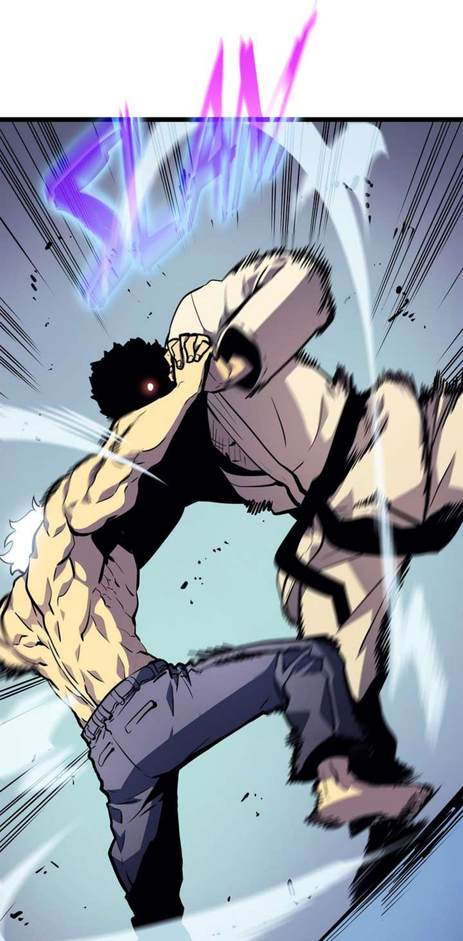
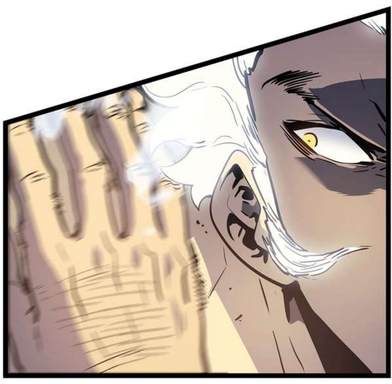
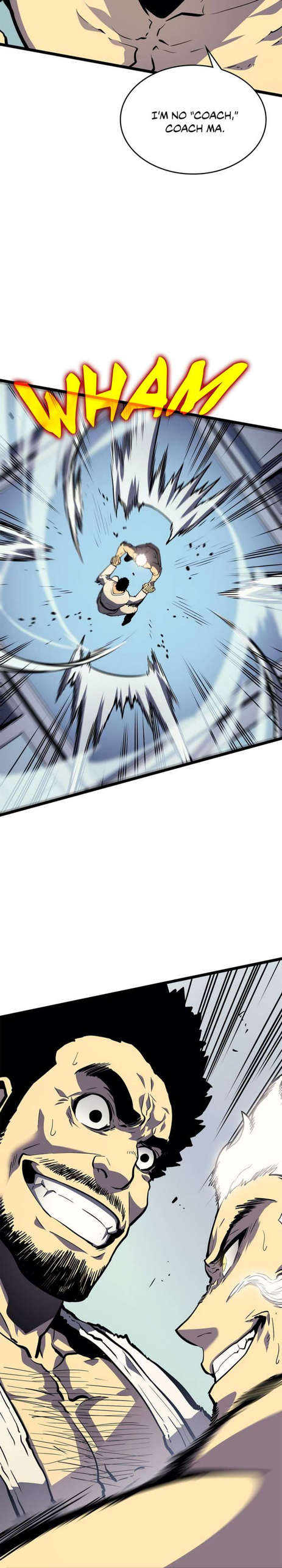




WHACK

CRASH

COACH BAEK! A YOUNG GUY LIKE YOU SHOULD BE STRONGER THAN THIS!


I'M NO "COACH," COACH MA.
WHAM

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BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

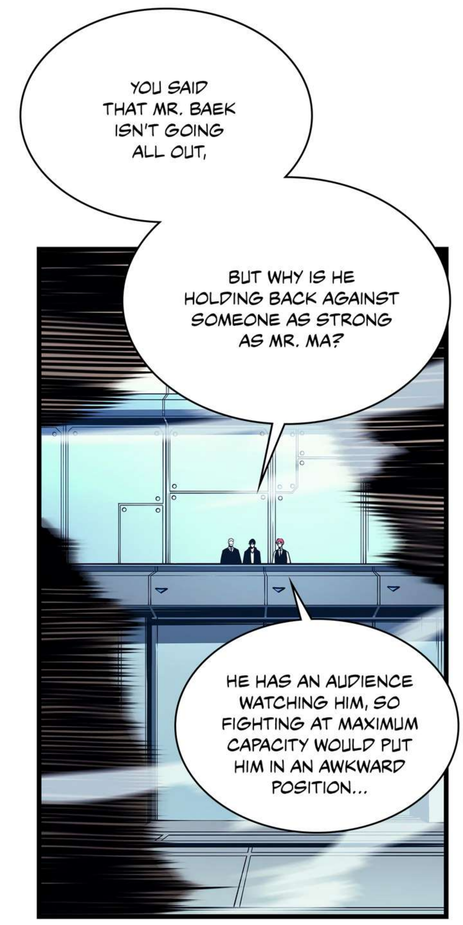
THIS MANY S-RANK HUNTERS GATHERED IN ONE PLACE? NOT SOMETHING YOU SEE EVERY DAY.
THE MANA WAVES YOU FELT EARLIER PROBABLY CAME FROM THEM.
LOOKS LIKE MR. BAEK IS STRUGGLING A BIT.

YES, HOWEVER, IF BAEK YOONHO WERE TO ATTACK USING FULL FORCE, MA DONGWOOK WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP.

CHOI JONG-IN?!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MR. SUNG.

THAT PERSON IN THE UNIFORM OVER THERE IS MA DONGWOOK OF THE FAME GUILD.

MA DONGWOOK, S-RANK
GUILD MASTER OF
THE FAME GUILD


YOU SAID THAT MR. BAEK ISN'T GOING ALL OUT,
BUT WHY IS HE HOLDING BACK AGAINST SOMEONE AS STRONG AS MR. MA?
HE HAS AN AUDIENCE WATCHING HIM, SO FIGHTING AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY WOULD PUT HIM IN AN AWKWARD POSITION...

...SINCE MR. BAEK TRANSFORMS INTO A MONSTER WHEN HE GETS SERIOUS.

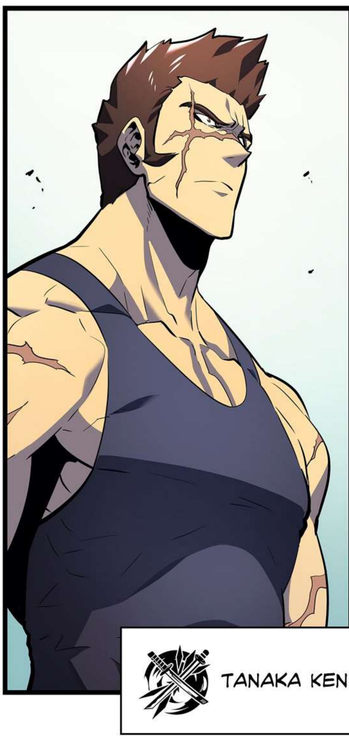
SO THE RUMORS WERE TRUE. HE HAS

THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM.

AND THOSE PEOPLE GATHERED OVER THERE ARE...

IZAWA IPPEI

ISHIDA MARI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AH, HE'S SUNG JINWOO, A HUNTER WHO RECENTLY BECAME AN S-RANK.

IS HE AN ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTER?

BUT EVEN IF HE WERE, HIS PRESENCE CANNOT EASILY BE HIDDEN.

HE MUST BE QUITE AN EXCEPTIONAL ASSASSIN.

PARDON? HE'S A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER, SIR.

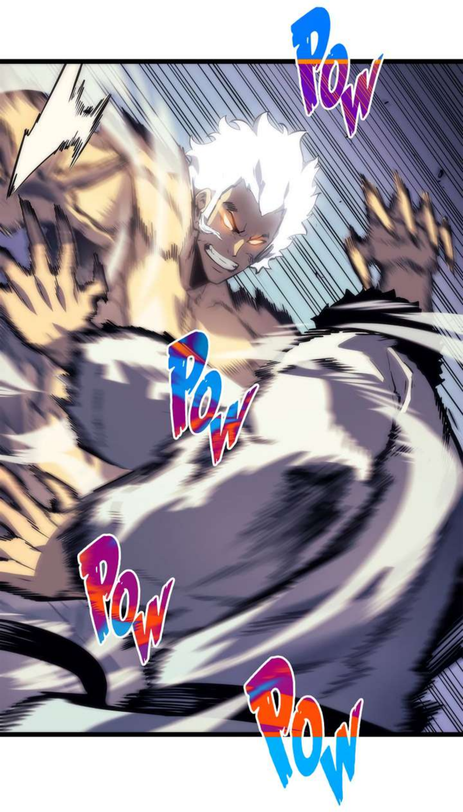
A MAGE-TYPE?
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
IT'S BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

LOOK WHO'S HERE.
ISN'T THAT SUNG JINWOO, THE GUY WHO RUINED MINSUNG'S DEBUT?

SUNG JINWOO?
I KNEW IT... HE'S THE REASON THE AIR FELT DIFFERENT.

KEI, THAT HUNTER OVER THERE IS SOUTH KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER.
DON'T TALK TO ME, ISHIDA.
I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP BECAUSE OF ALL THE S-RANKS GATHERED HERE.

I SEE THERE'S A SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER WITH A NOSE AS SENSITIVE AS MINE.
SHE'S ONLY USING A HANDKERCHIEF, THOUGH... SHE MUST BE A FEW TIERS BELOW ME.
IF I TRY AND STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION, WOULD SHE THINK I'M HITTING ON HER?
IF ONLY I HAD LEARNED SOME KOREAN BEFOREHAND...


POW
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THESE HUNTERS ARE CONSIDERED SOUTH KOREA'S STRONGEST?
THEY'RE MEDIOCRE AT BEST.
YOU THINK SO?
MR. GOTO, I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR RAIDS FROM THE SIDELINES FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.
PERHAPS THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'M NO LONGER IMPRESSED BY S-RANKS.

I CAN'T SAY I AGREE WITH YOU.
THERE SEEMS TO BE ONE NOTABLE HUNTER OVER THERE.

CHA HAE-IN, WAS IT?
CHA HAE-IN AND GO GUNHEE. THESE TWO WOULD GIVE OUR BEST HUNTERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.
OI, MISS INTERPRETER, WHAT'D YA SAY JUST NOW?

YA THINK THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS ARE ALL MEDIOCRE?

DID YA THINK I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND 'CAUSE YOU WERE SPEAKING IN JAPANESE?

I'LL HAVE YA KNOW THAT I LEARNED JAPANESE IN HIGH SCHOOL AS MY SECOND LANGUAGE.

GO GET 'EM, BOSS!

AND YOU ARE...?

THIS MAN RIGHT HERE IS THE GUILD MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD!

MR. PARK JONGSOO!

PARK JONGSOO (A-RANK)
GUILD MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD

PARK JONGSOO? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU BEFORE...

W, WELL... MR. PARK IS AN A-RANK, NOT AN S-RANK, SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM!

OUR GUILD IS ONE OF THE FIVE MAJOR GUILDS IN SOUTH KOREA, THOUGH!

AND OUT OF ALL THE GUILDS, WE'VE RECRUITED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF A-RANK HUNTERS!

YOONTAE. THAT'S ENOUGH SHOWING OFF.

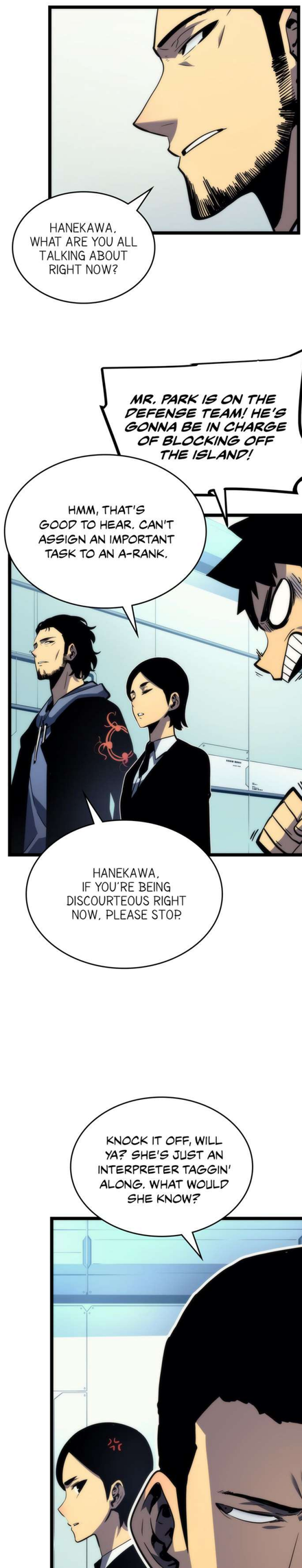
A SOUTH KOREAN A-RANK HUNTER.

HUH...?

WILL YOU BE JOINING THE RAID IN JEJU AS WELL?

I THOUGHT ONLY S-RANK HUNTERS WERE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE...

URGH...


HANEKAWA, WHAT ARE YOU ALL TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?
MR. PARK IS ON THE DEFENSE TEAM! HE'S GONNA BE IN CHARGE OF BLOCKING OFF THE ISLAND!
HMM, THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. CAN'T ASSIGN AN IMPORTANT TASK TO AN A-RANK.
HANEKAWA, IF YOU'RE BEING DISCOURTEOUS RIGHT NOW, PLEASE STOP.
KNOCK IT OFF, WILL YA? SHE'S JUST AN INTERPRETER TAGGIN' ALONG. WHAT WOULD SHE KNOW?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ME?
MY NAME IS HANEKAWA AND I'M AN A-RANK HUNTER FROM JAPAN.
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T TAKE ON A MERE INTERPRETER THAT'S SIMPLY "TAGGING ALONG."

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. LOOK, MISS INTERPRETER.
ENOUGH WITH THE DISSING.

ARE YOU A NON-COMBATANT HUNTER?

A FIGHT BETWEEN A JAPANESE A-RANK HUNTER...
...AND A SOUTH KOREAN A-RANK HUNTER?

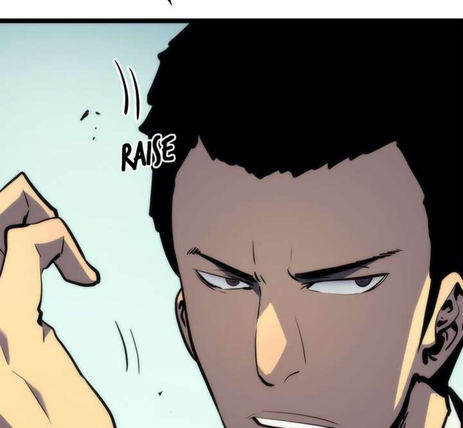
LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING.

...FINE, BUT LET'S LAY DOWN SOME RULES.

BETTER THAN JUST AIMLESSLY DUKIN' IT OUT, DON'T YA THINK?

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

THE FIRST PERSON TO GRAB THE OPPONENT'S WRIST WINS.



THE ONE
WHO GETS THEIR
WRIST CAUGHT
LOSES.

EVEN IF I GO IN THROWING PUNCHES AT HIM, THE FIGHT WILL BE OVER IF HE GRABS ME.

LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTACK RIGHT AWAY.

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY MIND GAMES WITH EACH OTHER.

BY THE WAY,

YOU CALL THAT A READY STANCE?

DON'T YA WORRY, I'M NOT GONNA TAKE THIS HAND OUT UNLESS IT'S TO GRAB YOUR WRIST.

SO HE'S CONFIDENT IN HIS SPEED.

SWISH
SWISH
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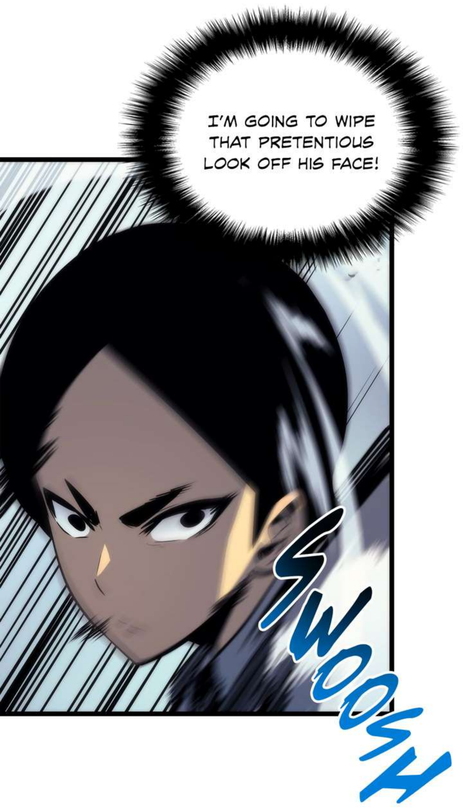
I'M GOING TO WIPE THAT PRETENTIOUS LOOK OFF HIS FACE!
SWOOSH

WHAM

OH, FOR THE RECORD, I DIDN'T HIT YA.
IT WAS JUST A LIL SHOVE.
YA KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, RIGHT?

SORRY, BUT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING YOUR ACCENT.

OH, AND YOU LOOK LAME TRYING TO ACT ALL COOL IN THOSE RIPPED PANTS.
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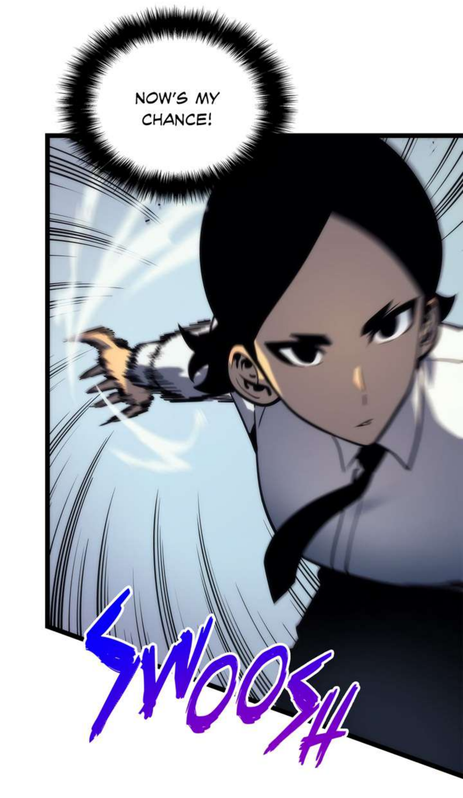
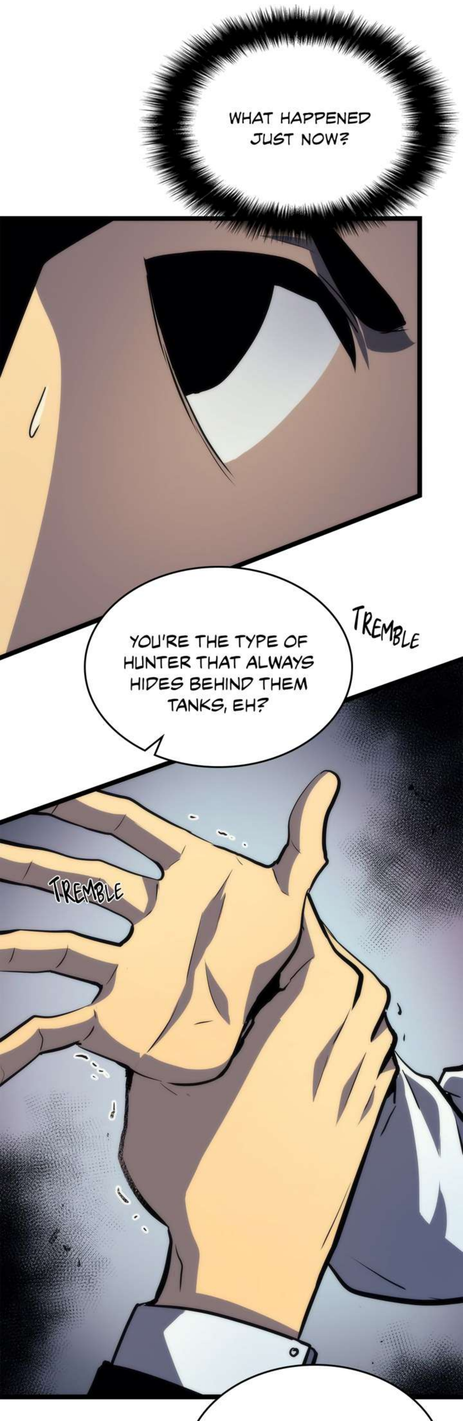

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
SWOOSH

TOO SLOW, MISS INTERPRETER.

GRAB.


WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
YOU'RE THE TYPE OF HUNTER THAT ALWAYS HIDES BEHIND THEM TANKS, EH?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

IT ALSO SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOT NO ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

HERE IN SOUTH KOREA, WE RUN INTO TROUBLEMAKERS EVERY NOW AND THEN,

WHICH MEANS WE SOMETIMES HAVE TO FIGHT OUR OWN KIND.

WHEN WORSE COMES TO WORST, WE EVEN GOTTA KILL 'EM SOMETIMES.

UNLIKE MAGIC BEASTS, THE WAY A HUMAN MOVES AIN'T SO SIMPLE, SO YOU'RE DEAD MEAT IF YOU CAN'T PREDICT YOUR OPPONENT'S NEXT MOVE.

IF I WERE WIELDIN' A SWORD, I WOULD'VE SLICED YOUR THROAT, NOT YOUR WRIST.

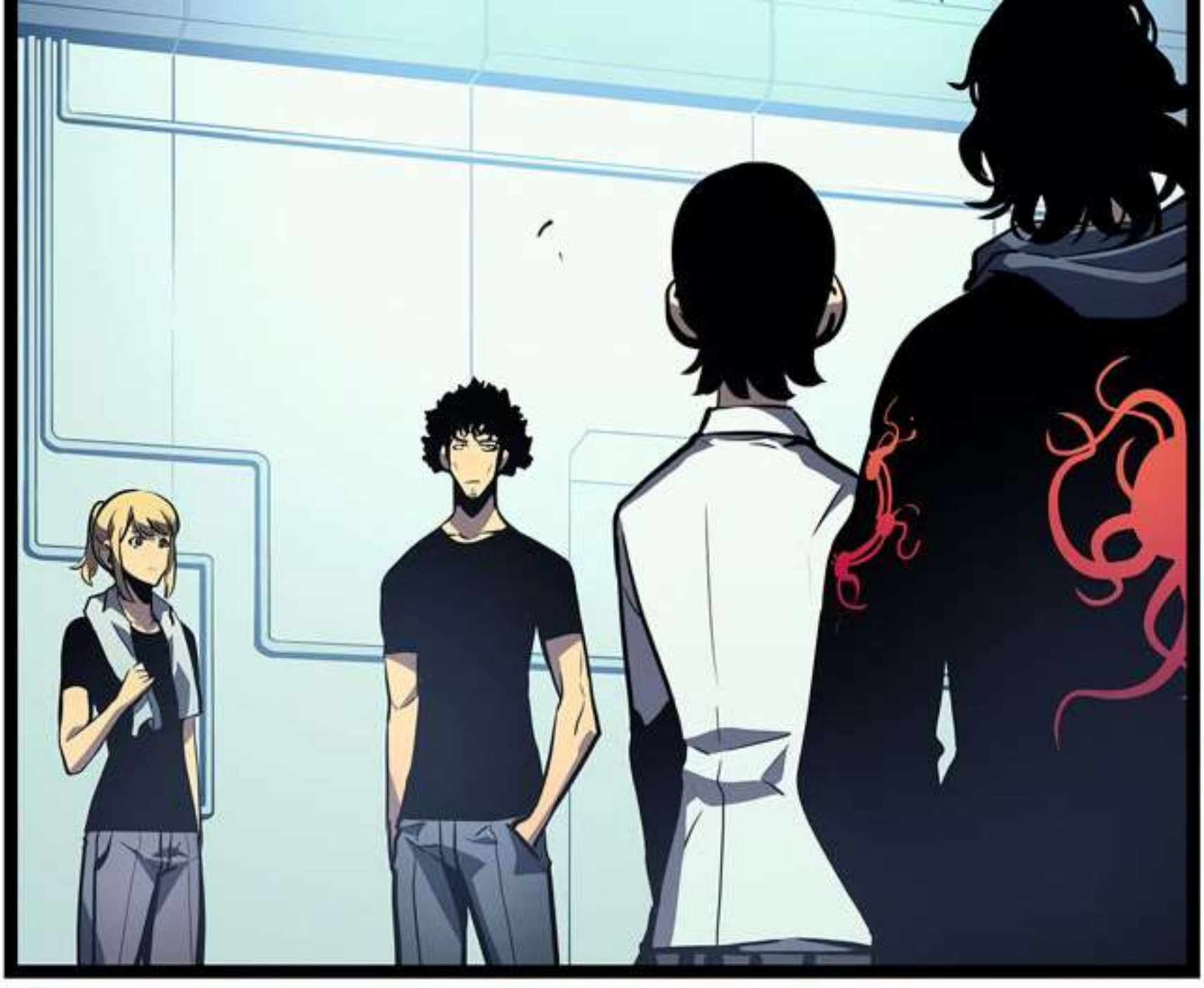
SNATCH

...HMPH.

THANK YOU. WHAT AN EXCITING MATCH THAT WAS.

HANEKAWA, WOULD YOU PLEASE RELAY MY WORDS TO EVERYONE HERE?
AH, OF COURSE.

IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU.

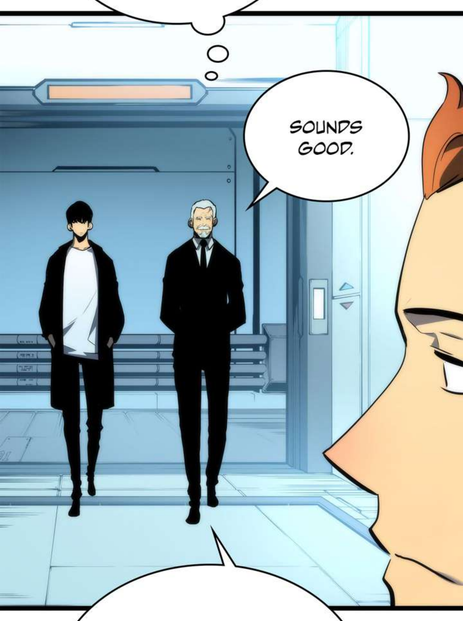


WHAT DO YOU SAY WE HAVE OUR S-RANK HUNTERS...

...SPAR ONE ANOTHER ACCORDING TO THE RULES USED JUST NOW?

...

I GUESS HE WANTS TO SEE HOW STRONG WE ALL ARE.

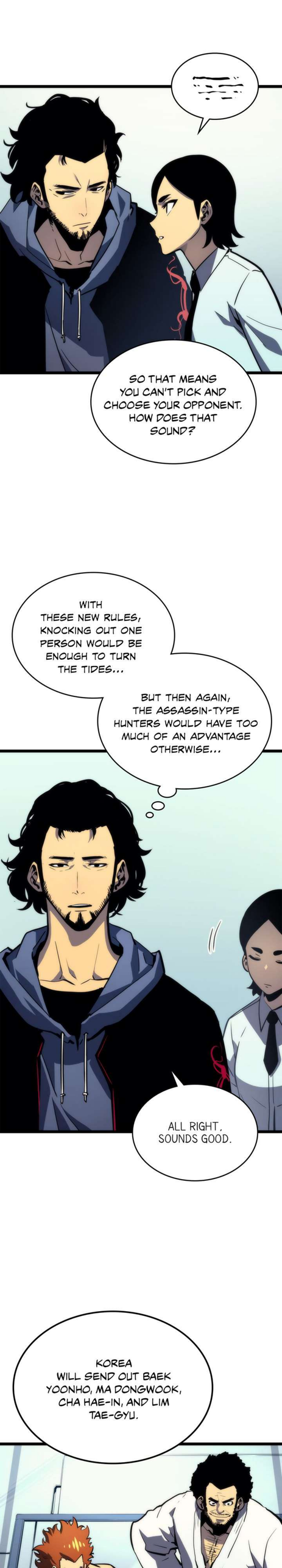


HOWEVER, LET'S EXCLUDE THE MAGE-TYPE AND NON-COMBATANT HUNTERS, SINCE IT'D BE DIFFICULT TO TELL WHO WON.

LET'S ALSO ADD A FEW MORE RULES WHILE WE'RE AT IT.

YOU WIN IF YOU TOUCH YOUR OPPONENT'S WRIST OR BACK, OR IF YOU KNOCK THEM DOWN.

LET'S ALSO HAVE MULTIPLE HUNTERS GO AGAINST EACH OTHER, INSTEAD OF HAVING ONE-ON-ONE MATCHES.


SO THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T PICK AND CHOOSE YOUR OPPONENT. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
WITH THESE NEW RULES, KNOCKING OUT ONE PERSON WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TURN THE TIDES...
BUT THEN AGAIN, THE ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTERS WOULD HAVE TOO MUCH OF AN ADVANTAGE OTHERWISE...
ALL RIGHT. SOUNDS GOOD.
KOREA WILL SEND OUT BAEK YOONHO, MA DONGWOOK, CHA HAE-IN, AND LIM TAE-GYU.

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE?

TANAKA KENZO,
HOSHINO MINORU,
KUMAMOTO ATSUSHI,
AND TAWATA
KANAE.
JAPAN
WILL SEND OUT
THESE FOUR
HUNTERS.

KNIGHTS

-A GUILD THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE YEONGNAM REGION.
-OUT OF SOUTH KOREA'S FIVE MAJOR GUILDS, THE KNIGHTS RANK FIFTH.
-ALTHOUGH THE GUILD MASTER IS NOT AN S-RANK, THE KNIGHTS HAVE RECRUITED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF A-RANK HUNTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

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MA DONGWOOK AND BAEK YOONHO. I'VE ALREADY GOT A GOOD READ ON THESE TWO GUYS FROM THE FIGHT THEY HAD EARLIER.
BUT I GET THE FEELING THAT BAEK YOONHO IS HIDING SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE.

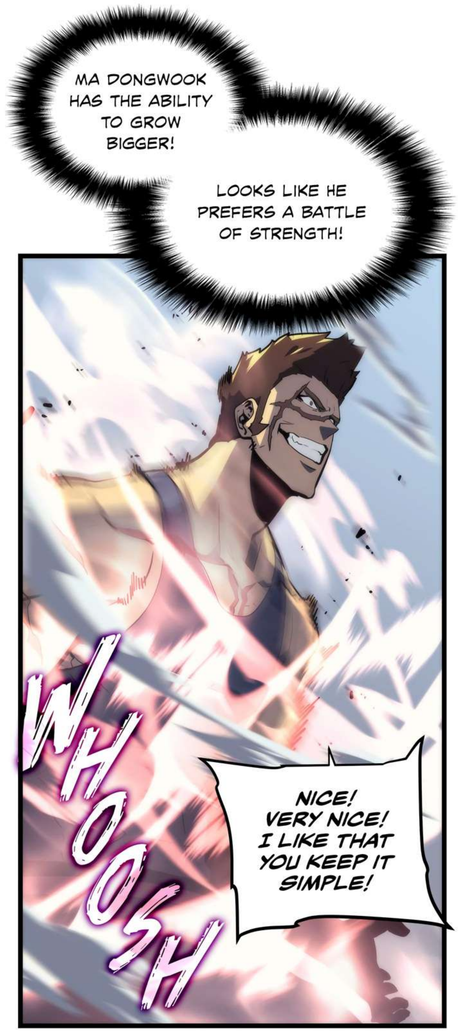
A FOUR-ON-FOUR MATCH MEANS THAT MY OPPONENT IS PROBABLY THAT GIRL, RIGHT?

I HOPE THEY

GO EASY ON US...

WELL, THEN...

LET'S GET STARTED!!



LET'S SEE WHO'S STRONGER!
BOOM
STOMP
STOMP

JUMP

HE'S FAST!
IS SPEED HIS STRONG SUIT?
IF SO, CLOSE-QUARTERS COMBAT WILL PUT ME AT A DISADVANTAGE!
WELL, CREATING DISTANCE IS MY SPECIALTY!
WHIRR
AND SO IS ATTACKING FROM A DISTANCE!

A MAGIC ARROW?!

BOOM
HMPH, IS HE A RANGER?!
BOOM
I SEE, SO YOU DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE, HUH?
BOOM
OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO HAVE HOSHINO TAKE CARE OF THAT GUY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

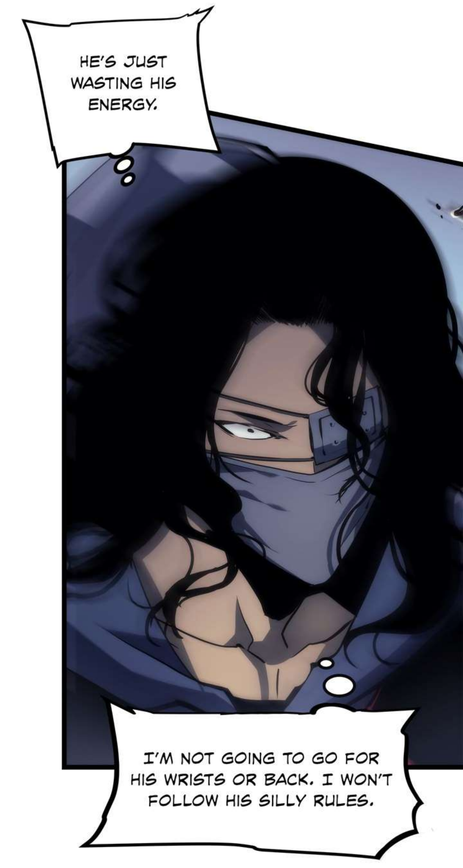
THE INTERIOR OF THIS FACILITY WAS FORTIFIED USING ESSENCE STONES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY...
AVERAGE HUNTERS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE SO MUCH AS A DENT ON THE WALLS, BUT

THE PLACE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY WRECKED IN A MATTER OF SECONDS.

IT'S QUITE REGRETTABLE THAT WE'RE SENDING ONLY OUR YOUNG HUNTERS INTO THE BATTLEFIELD...

OUR OPPONENTS ARE SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL S-RANKS IN THE WORLD!

WE HAVE TO BRACE OURSELVES AND BE PREPARED TO NOT JUST GRAB THEIR WRISTS, BUT ALSO BREAK THEM IF WE NEED TO!



THE ONLY RULE I LIVE BY IS THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!

HE HAD THE INTENT TO KILL JUST NOW.
BUT WHY DID HE HESITATE?

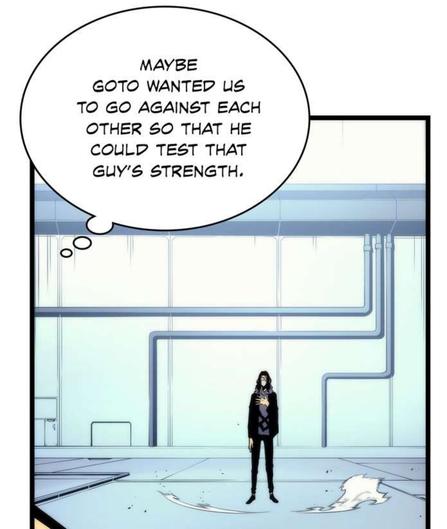
COULD HE BE... SCARED?

DAMN, I HESITATED AGAIN.

MAYBE I'M REALLY NOT CUT OUT TO BE A HUNTER.

HIS NAME WAS KUMAMOTO, RIGHT?
I CAN'T TELL IF HE'S GOT GREAT JUDGMENT, OR IF HE'S JUST A COWARD.
HE DOESN'T SEEM AGGRESSIVE, THOUGH.

PERHAPS I WAS MISTAKEN BACK THEN.
HMM, COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE AREN'T MANY HUNTERS WHO DISLIKE FIGHTING MAGIC BEASTS.
I GUESS A FEW HEALERS DON'T LIKE TO... SINCE THEY'RE ALL ABOUT HEALING OTHERS.
WAIT, IS AN AFFINITY FOR FIGHTING ONE OF THE QUALITIES REQUIRED TO BECOME AN AWAKENED BEING?
NAH, NO WAY.


MAYBE GOTO WANTED US TO GO AGAINST EACH OTHER SO THAT HE COULD TEST THAT GUY'S STRENGTH.

FSHHH
MAYBE HE WANTED TO SEE IF HE WAS PREPARED TO FIGHT THE ANTS.
HE'S USING ME FOR HIS LITTLE TEST, HUH...?
CRACK
CRACK
I SHOULD GIVE THEM A LITTLE TASTE OF MY TRUE POWERS!
TH, THE LOOK IN HIS EYES HAS CHANGED...!

I'M SO SCARED!
I WANT TO GET
OUT OF HERE!

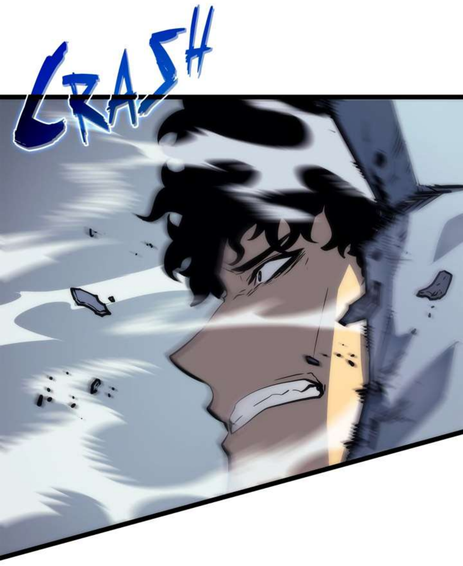
LEAP

YOU'RE A PATHETIC COWARD.
WHAT A PITY. YOU'RE PROBABLY ONE OF THE TOP S-RANKS OUT THERE.
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

WELL, DAMN. THERE'S NOTHIN' BUT MONSTERS HERE.
MY MATCH EARLIER WAS NOTHIN' BUT CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED TO THIS.
NONSENSE, MR. PARK! YOU WERE COOL AS HECK!

THUD

LOOKS LIKE I'M THE STRONGER OF THE TWO OF US.
...HAHA, I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT DRILLED INTO THE GROUND.
THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME.


CRASH

ARGH!

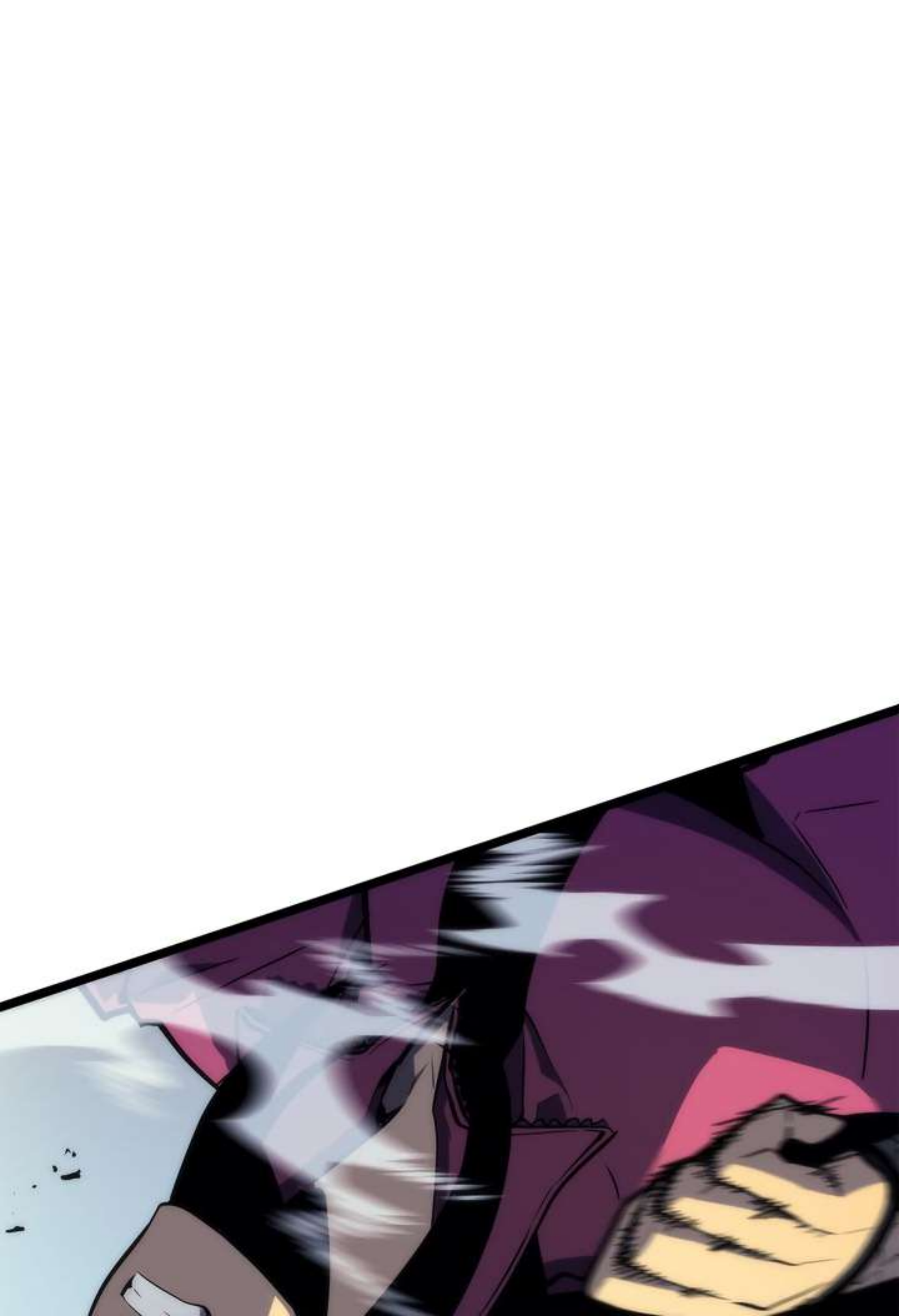
SEEMS LIKE I'M THE WINNER, NO?

HOO...

SO AM I NEXT?
SEEMS LIKE YOU ALL THINK I'M AN EASIER TARGET THAN CHA HAE-IN.
WELL, YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED ME.

POW
UGH... I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST FAST, BUT I WAS WRONG.
SWISH
I CAN'T READ THE PATTERN OF HER MOVEMENTS!

CHA HAE-IN'S NICKNAME IS "THE DANCER."
SHE WAS GIVEN THIS NAME BECAUSE OF THE WAY SHE'D SWIFTLY KILL ONE BEAST AFTER THE OTHER, AS IF SHE WERE DANCING.
BUT SHE BANNED THE USE OF THE NAME BECAUSE SHE FOUND IT EMBARRASSING, SO NOT MANY PEOPLE CALL HER BY THAT NICKNAME.



SLASH

TAP
TOUCH.

I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND HELP BAEK YOONHO!

THOSE TWO OVER THERE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT GUY!
I SHOULD JUST FOCUS ON DEALING WITH THIS WOMAN...!

POW
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW

WHAT WAS THAT?!
SHE'S LIKE A GATLING GUN.

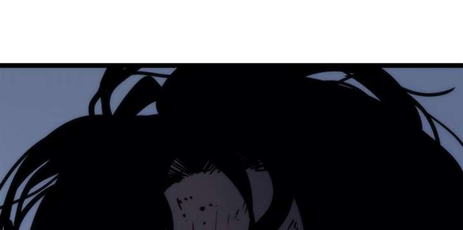
HOW MANY TIMES DID SHE PUNCH HIM JUST NOW?

TEN... NO, MAYBE 14 TIMES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE HIT HIM SO MANY TIMES IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. NO ONE COULD'VE BLOCKED AN ATTACK LIKE THAT.

OOPS, IT WAS AN INSTINCTIVE RESPONSE. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BEAT HIM UP.

KUMAMOTO'S LOST IT.



ONCE THAT GUY GETS ANGRY, HE TURNS INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON.

HE DOESN'T JUST TURN INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON, HE LOSES ALL SENSE OF RATIONAL THINKING.

HE CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER HE'S DONE FIGHTING.

A GUY LIKE THAT'S NOT FIT TO BE IN A STRIKE SQUAD.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN HE'LL START ACTING OUT ON HIS OWN OR ATTACK HIS FELLOW TEAMMATES.

STILL, HE'S CAPABLE OF CLEARING A B-RANK GATE ALL BY HIMSELF...

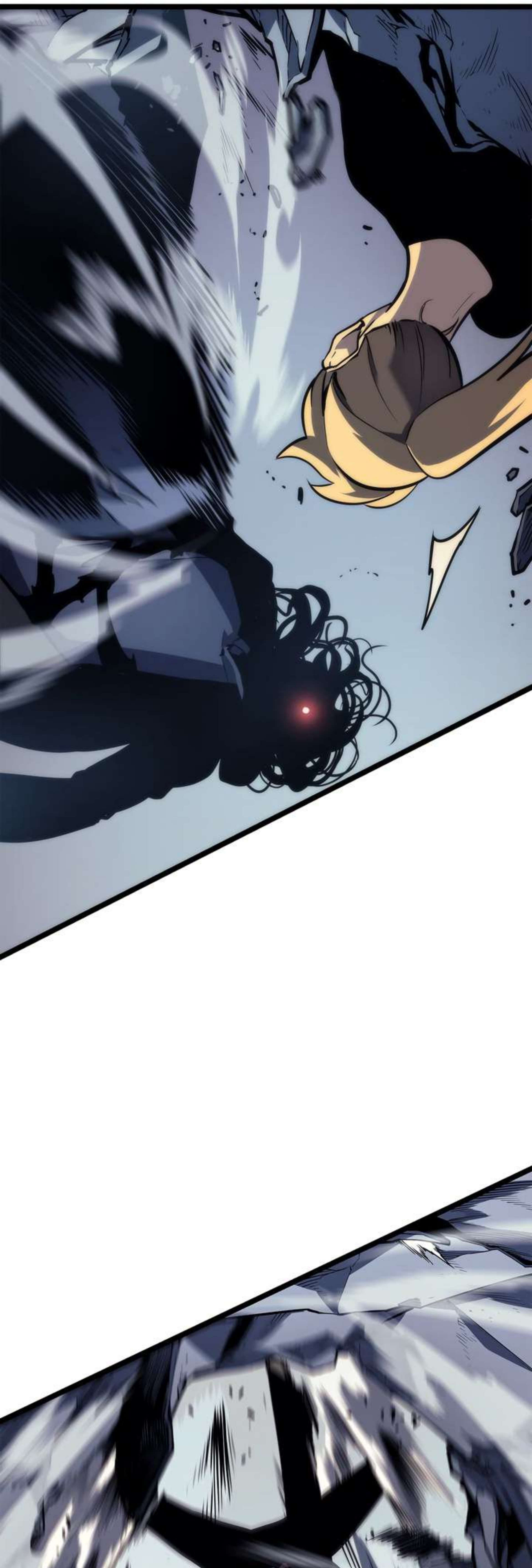
THOUGH IF HE CAN'T WORK WITH A TEAM TO CLEAR AN A-RANK GATE, THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF HIM BEING AN S-RANK HUNTER?

IF HE EVER ENDS UP ATTACKING ONE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS, YOU MUST STOP HIM IMMEDIATELY.

BUT LEAVE HIM BE FOR NOW. THIS IS JUST A TEST.

NOW'S PROBABLY THE BEST TIME TO INTERVENE THOUGH, ISN'T IT?

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DAMAGES HE'S CAUSING.



HE'S FAST...!
BOOM

EXCUSE ME FOR INTERVENING, BUT...
...I THINK YOU GUYS ARE GETTING TOO CARRIED AWAY. THIS IS JUST A SPARRING SESSION.
YOU BASTARD!!

SLAM

HIS MOVEMENTS JUST NOW...

HANEKAWA, IS THAT HUNTER OVER THERE REALLY A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER?

YES... ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT WAS RELEASED, AT LEAST...

I GUESS THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO CHECK FOR MYSELF.

MS. CHA, WHY DON'T WE CALL THIS A LOSS FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN TEAM?

ALL RIGHT...

IT LOOKS LIKE MR. BAEK WAS CAUGHT AS WELL.

THE JAPANESE HUNTERS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY STRONGER THAN US.

I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO ANYTHING EVEN IF I HAD TRANSFORMED.

SIR, MR. GOTO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.

YOUR NAME IS SUNG JINWOO, CORRECT?

I'D LIKE TO HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT WITH YOU. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

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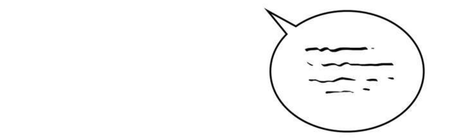

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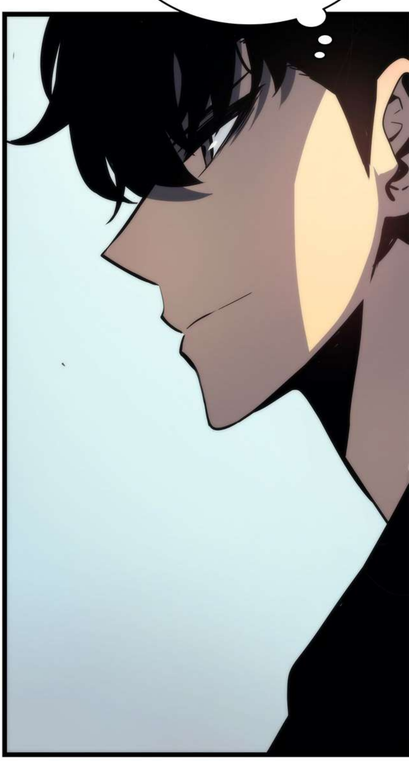
I'M NOT SURE IF HE HAS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE,

BUT THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR ME TO TEST HOW MUCH STRONGER I'VE GOTTEN SINCE THE DEMONS' CASTLE.



HE HAS THE GUTS TO SMILE IN MY PRESENCE?

UM... MR. GOTO, MR. SUNG JINWOO

HAS AGREED TO THE FIGHT.

BUT... UNDER ONE CONDITION.

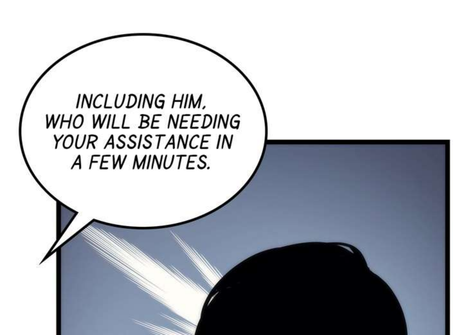
UNDER ONE CONDITION?

HE WILL ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION ONLY IF YOU AGREE TO USE FULL FORCE.

IS HE BEING SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?

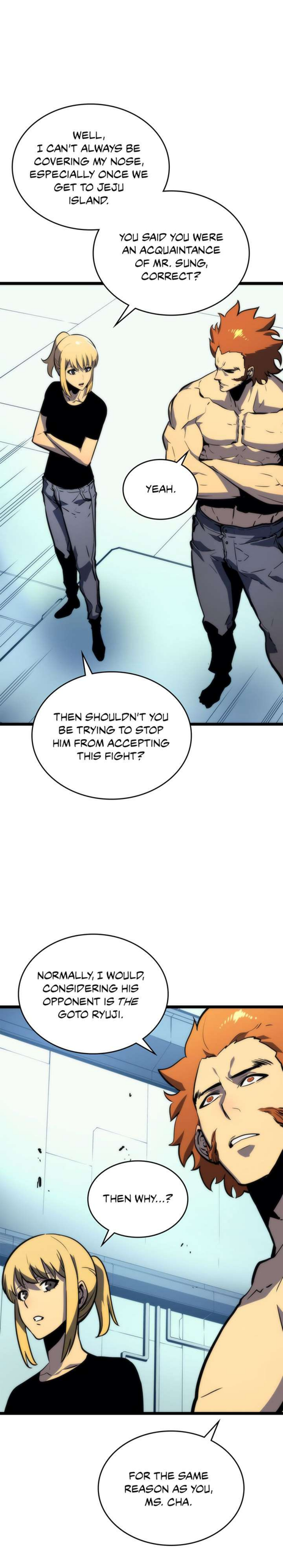
...SOUNDS FUN.
SHIMIZU HERE IS AN S-RANK HEALER, SO WE WON'T SUFFER ANY SERIOUS INJURIES.
ALL RIGHT.
SHIMIZU, HEAL ANYONE WHO GETS HURT.

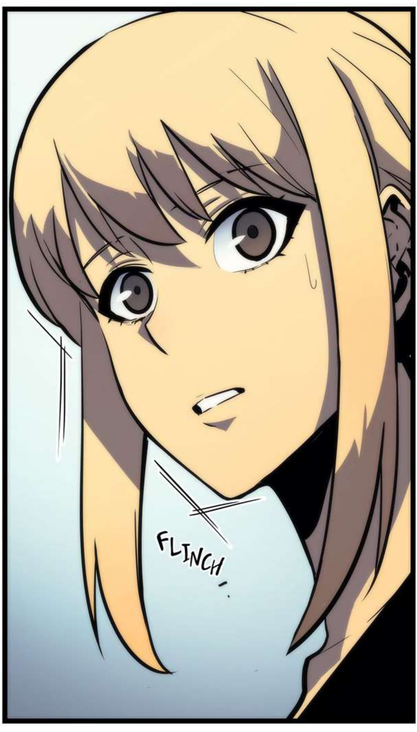

INCLUDING HIM, WHO WILL BE NEEDING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN A FEW MINUTES.

IS THAT THE 10TH S-RANK HUNTER EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT? A MATCH AGAINST GOTO RYUJI?
HE'S GOT GUTS.
WILL HE BE OKAY...?

NO, WAIT... HE FOUGHT AN A-RANK DUNGEON BOSS AND OVER A HUNDRED HIGH ORCS...

ARE YOU OKAY BEING AROUND ALL THESE HUNTERS TODAY?

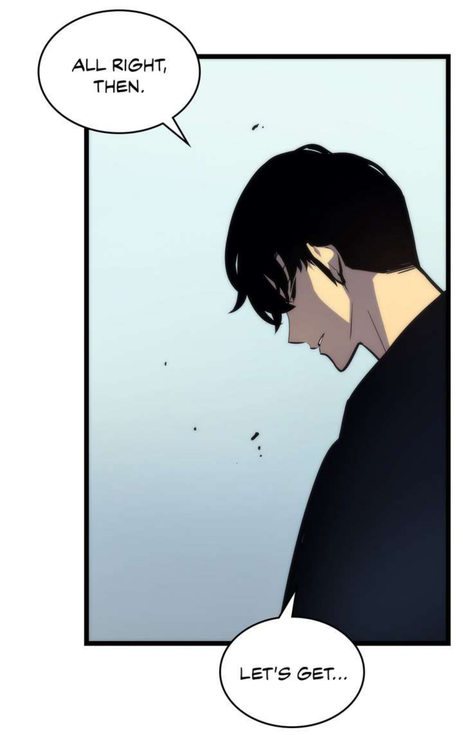

WELL,
I CAN'T ALWAYS BE COVERING MY NOSE, ESPECIALLY ONCE WE GET TO JEJU ISLAND.
YOU SAID YOU WERE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MR. SUNG, CORRECT?
YEAH.
THEN SHOULDN'T YOU BE TRYING TO STOP HIM FROM ACCEPTING THIS FIGHT?
NORMALLY, I WOULD, CONSIDERING HIS OPPONENT IS *THE* GOTO RYUJI.
THEN WHY...?
FOR THE SAME REASON AS YOU, MS. CHA.



AREN'T YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM FIGHT?

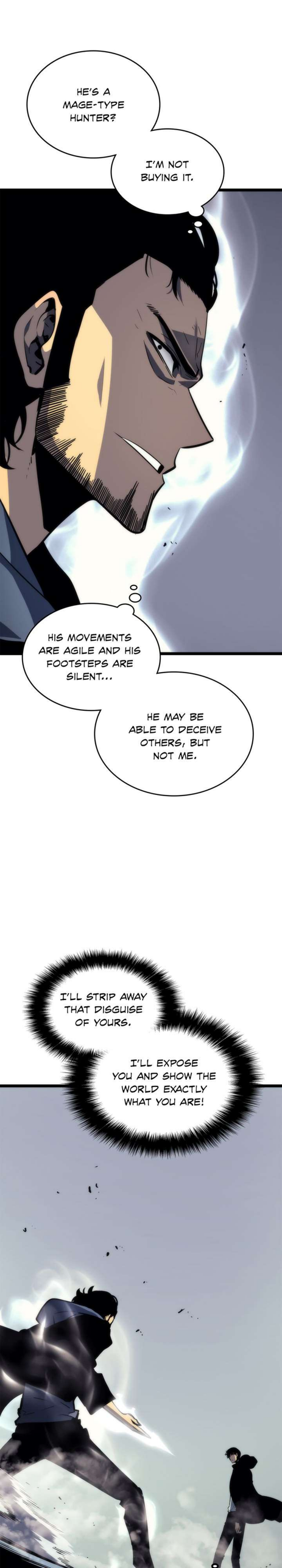
IF SUNG REALLY IS A HUNTER CAPABLE OF LEVELING UP,

THEN
HE MIGHT'VE
BECOME EVEN
STRONGER.



BOOM

HE ATTACKED AS SOON AS I SAID THAT.
I MISSED?
STEP


HE'S A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER?
I'M NOT BUYING IT.
HIS MOVEMENTS ARE AGILE AND HIS FOOTSTEPS ARE SILENT...
HE MAY BE ABLE TO DECEIVE OTHERS, BUT NOT ME.
I'LL STRIP AWAY THAT DISGUISE OF YOURS.
I'LL EXPOSE YOU AND SHOW THE WORLD EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE!

I CAN SENSE THAT THIS HUNTER IS OF A DIFFERENT CALIBER THAN THOSE OTHER S-RANKS.
BUT,
WHOOSH
I CAN STILL DODGE HIS ATTACKS.
WHOOSH
HE'S SMILING AGAIN?

SHOULDN'T WE STOP THEM?
LOOKS LIKE MR. GOTO IS TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.

WHOA, HIS ATTACKS ARE SCARY...
MY EYES CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF HIM.
SUNG JINWOO'S HANGING IN THERE, THOUGH.
HIS OPPONENT IS THE STRONGEST HUNTER IN JAPAN, SO THE FACT THAT HE'S EVEN ABLE TO AVOID HIS ATTACKS IS A FEAT IN AND OF ITSELF.

SUNG JINWOO ISN'T "HANGING IN THERE."

HE'S GETTING GOTO TO MAKE ATTACK AFTER ATTACK!

SEEMS LIKE AN EXCITING MATCH BEGAN WHILE I WAS OUT FOR A SMOKE.

HE DODGED THIS?

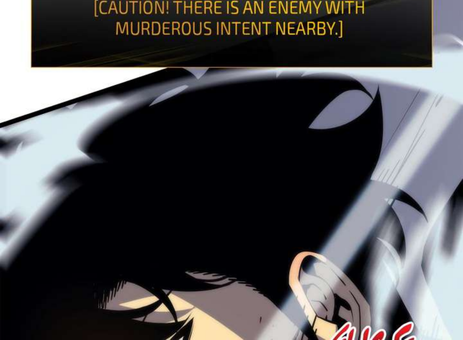
DID HE
GET LUCKY
AGAIN?!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO HIT HIM UNLESS I GO ALL OUT.

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

I'M GOING TO KILL HIM!

[CAUTION! THERE IS AN ENEMY WITH MURDEROUS INTENT NEARBY.]



SLICE
MURDEROUS INTENT?
KWOCK

IF I KEEP PLAYING AROUND, I'LL END UP GETTING AN URGENT QUEST LIKE I DID WITH HWANG DONGSUK AND KANG TAESHIK.
IF I WAS JUST A SECOND TOO LATE, I'D HAVE LOST AN EYE.
HOW IS HE SO STRONG...?
AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE COULD'VE GRABBED MY WRIST, BUT HE PURPOSEFULLY GRABBED MY HAND INSTEAD...

ARE YOU... PLAYING AROUND WITH ME?

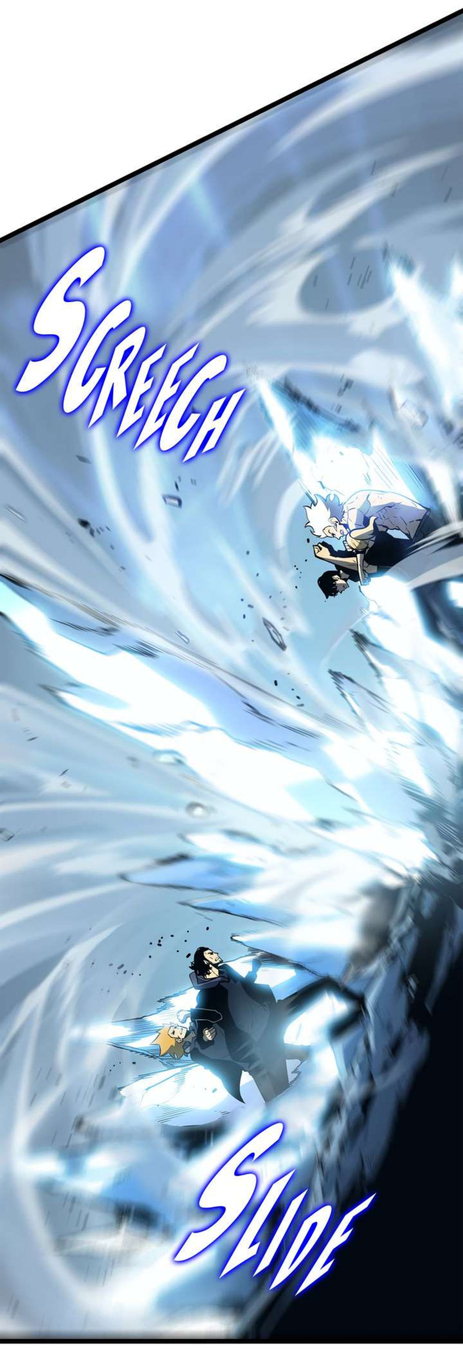
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU JUST SAID, BUT...

...THE GAME WOULD'VE BEEN OVER IF I HAD GRABBED YOUR WRIST.

I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT THINGS TO END HERE, RIGHT?

GRAB
SNATCH

SCREECH


SCREECH
SLIDE

THAT'S ENOUGH.
THAT MAN IS IN CHARGE OF LEADING THE JAPANESE TEAM IN A FEW DAYS.
NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HIM.
THIS SPARRING SESSION HAS GOTTEN WAY TOO HEATED. LET'S CALL IT A DAY.

OKAY...!

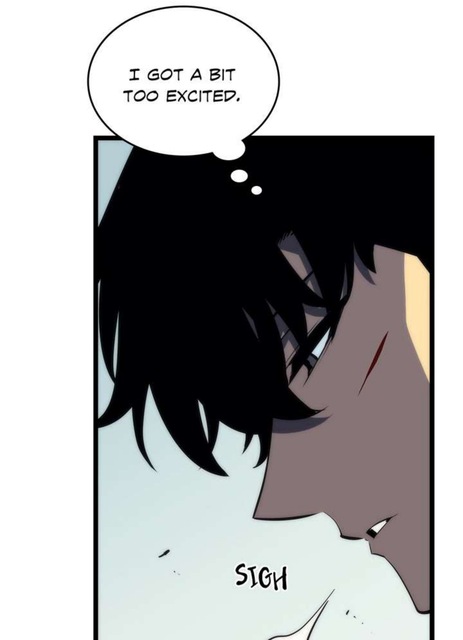
DID I OVERSTEP MY BOUNDARIES?
NOT AT ALL.

HAHA! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WENT UP AGAINST THE GREAT GOTO RYUJI AND WALKED AWAY WITH A TINY CUT ON HIS CHEEK! IMPRESSIVE!

HEY! YOU'VE GOT A SPECTACULAR BUILD!
MY GUILD IS CHOCK FULL OF

MAGES AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FIGHTERS.
COACH SUNG, IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE A GUILD IN MIND, HOW ABOUT YOU COME AND JOIN OURS?

HEY, COACH MA.
MR. SUNG IS A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER.
WHAT?!


I GOT A BIT TOO EXCITED.
SIGH

I NOW HAVE A GOOD GRASP OF HOW STRONG EVERYONE IS.
AND...
...I'VE HAD CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH GO GUNHEE, CHOI JONG-IN, CHA HAE-IN, BAEK YOONHO, AND GOTO RYUJI SO FAR.
BUT EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ALL S-RANKS, THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED THE SOLDIERS HIDING IN MY SHADOW.
NOT EVEN GOTO RYUJI HAS SENSED ANYTHING OUT OF

PLACE...

MR. GO.

YES,
MR. SUNG?

YOU ASKED IF
I WOULD PARTICIPATE
IN THE JEJU ISLAND
RAID, RIGHT?

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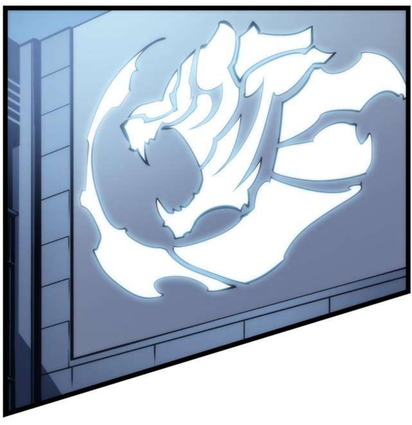


A HUNTER THAT CAN BECOME STRONGER ACTUALLY EXISTS...

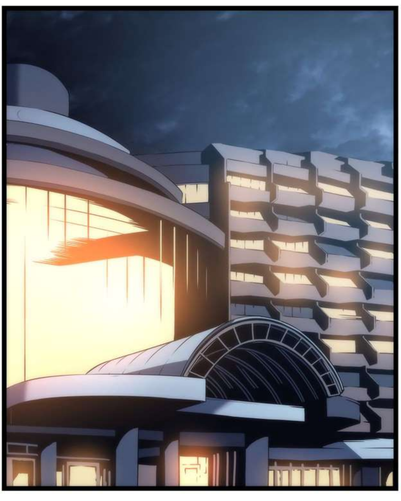
I WONDER HOW MUCH HE'S WORTH.

TRYING TO RECRUIT SUNG JINWOO WAS JUST A WASTE OF TIME AND ENERGY.

BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A TALENTED HUNTER.

LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE LIST OF HUNTERS THAT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE UPCOMING SEARCH-AND-DESTROY MISSION.

SUNG JINWOO IS NOT ON THE LIST?!



MR. SUGIMOTO.
...IT TURNS OUT THERE IS A PRETTY SKILLED HUNTER HERE IN SOUTH KOREA.
SCOTCH RED

SUGIMOTO REIJI (S-RANK)
VICE GUILD MASTER OF
THE BLADE GUILD

THAT'S ODD. I DON'T SEE HIS NAME LISTED HERE.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN HIS NAME ISN'T LISTED?

AH, PARDON ME. I DIDN'T EXPLAIN.
SOUTH KOREA JUST SENT OVER THEIR LIST OF HUNTERS.

CHOI JONG-IN, MA DONGWOOK, BAEK YOONHO, CHA HAE-IN, LIM TAE-GYU, AND MIN BYUNG-GU.
THESE SIX HUNTERS MAKE UP THE SOUTH KOREAN TEAM THAT WILL BE HEADING TO JEJU ISLAND IN FOUR DAYS TIME.
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

ALL RIGHT...

I GUESS I GOT WORRIED FOR NOTHING.

I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CALL ONCE THE RAID BEGINS.

OKAY.

HALLASAN, BAENGNOKDAM*

*A crater lake that sits on top of Hallasan, or Mount Halla. The name translates to "white deer lake."

WE MUST ABANDON THIS ISLAND.

THERE IS NO FOOD HERE.

OUR CHILDREN ARE EATING THEIR CHILDREN.

THERE IS NO LONGER ANY FOOD HERE TO SUPPORT THE CITIZENS OF OUR KINGDOM.

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE.

WE NEED A STRONGER SOLDIER...
AN ALL-POWERFUL SOLDIER TO LEAD THE CITIZENS OF OUR KINGDOM.

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR KINGDOM,

MAKE THE ENEMIES WHO STAND IN OUR WAY TREMBLE IN FEAR.

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR KINGDOM,

MAKE THE ENEMIES WHO STAND IN OUR WAY TREMBLE IN FEAR.

MAKE THE ENEMIES WHO STAND IN OUR WAY TREMBLE IN FEAR.

YOU MUST BECOME STRONGER.

YOU MUST BECOME STRONGER.
SCREECH

CONSUME ALL THERE
IS TO CONSUME...

...AND BECOME
STRONGER,

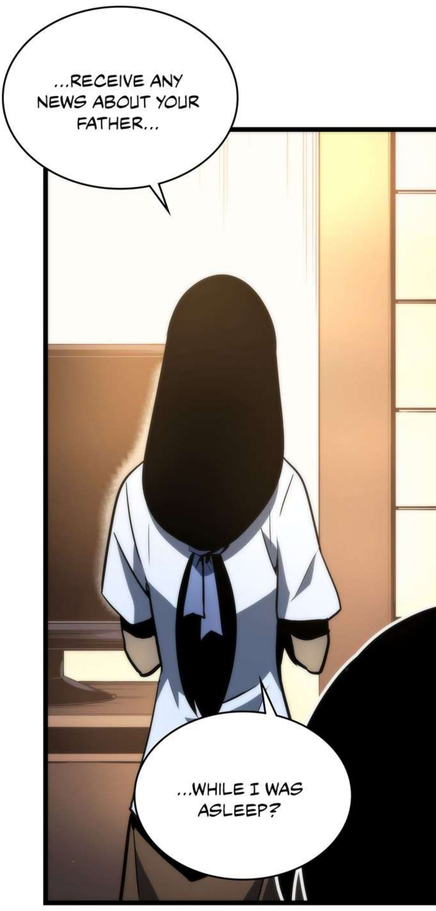
MY CHILD.

THIS PLACE IS A MESS. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE DIDN'T CLEAN WHILE I WAS AWAY AT THE DEMONS' CASTLE.
OUCHIE.
SQUISH
SQUEEZE
Shadow

IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE I'VE DONE HOUSEWORK.
HOW ABOUT WE ALL CLEAN TOGETHER?

OF COURSE. WE'VE BEEN LIVING HERE SINCE WE WERE KIDS.

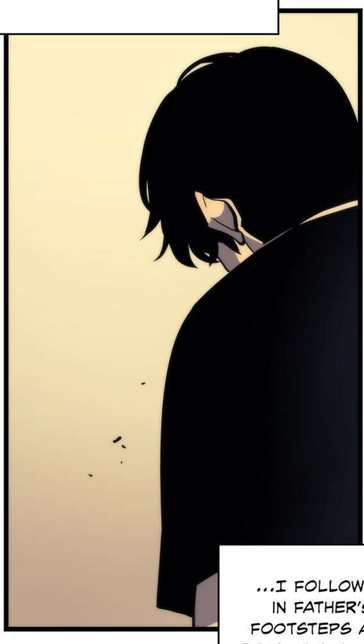
JINWOO,
DID YOU...


...RECEIVE ANY NEWS ABOUT YOUR FATHER...
...WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?

...

NO.

I WONDER WHAT MY MOTHER WOULD SAY IF I TOLD HER THAT...



...I FOLLOWED IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECAME A HUNTER.

HE'S THE REASON WHY SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS OLD APARTMENT.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALREADY MADE MORE MONEY THAN MOST PEOPLE WILL EVER SEE IN A LIFETIME,

HE'S THE REASON WHY WE'RE STILL HERE, PAYING RENT EVERY MONTH.

ALTHOUGH HE WENT MISSING YEARS AGO, SHE'S STILL WAITING FOR HIM,

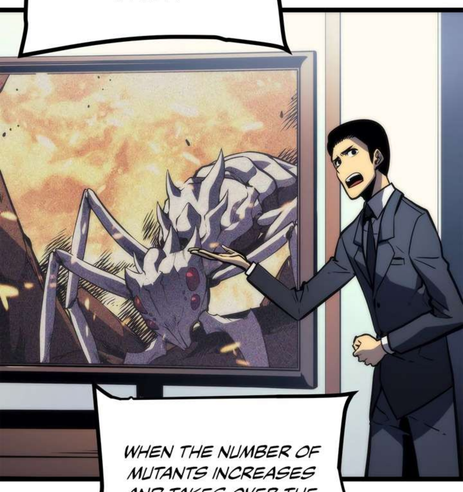
HOPING THAT HE'LL COME BACK ONE DAY.

THIS FAMILY, NO...
MY MOTHER NEEDS ME.

THE JEJU ISLAND RAID IS...

THE ANTS ARE

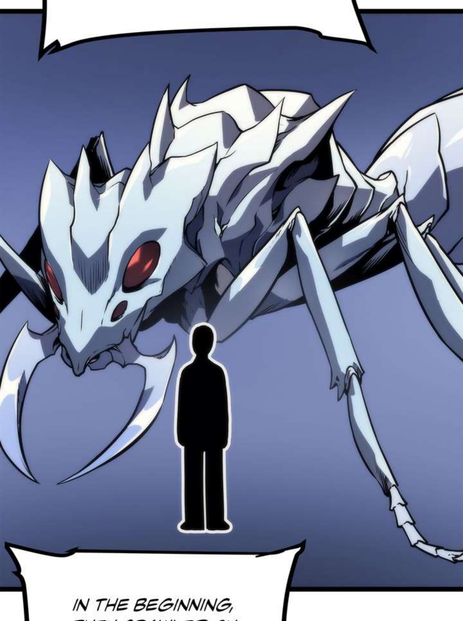
EVOLVING AT AN ASTOUNDING SPEED.



WHEN THE NUMBER OF MUTANTS INCREASES AND TAKES OVER THE ENTIRE COLONY,

WE CALL THAT **EVOLUTION.**

THIS HERE IS A PICTURE OF AN ANT PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST AND SECOND SEARCH-AND-DESTROY MISSIONS.



IN THE BEGINNING, THEY CRAWLED ON THE GROUND LIKE REGULAR ANTS.

THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANY DIFFERENCE IN APPEARANCE, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THEY WERE JUST GIGANTIC IN SIZE.

HOWEVER,

THIS IS A PICTURE THAT WAS TAKEN DURING THE THIRD SEARCH-AND-DESTROY MISSION.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ANTS ARE NOW STANDING UPRIGHT LIKE HUMANS, AND THEIR HEADS HAVE BECOME MUCH SMALLER, ALLOWING FOR MORE NIMBLE MOVEMENT.

THEY CAN NOW USE FOUR OF THEIR LEGS AS HANDS, TOO.

IT ONLY TOOK TWO YEARS FOR THEM TO CHANGE THE CORE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR SPECIES.

IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. THIS HERE IS THE MOST RECENTLY TAKEN PHOTOGRAPH. THIS IS THE BEAST THAT WREAKED HAVOC IN JAPAN.

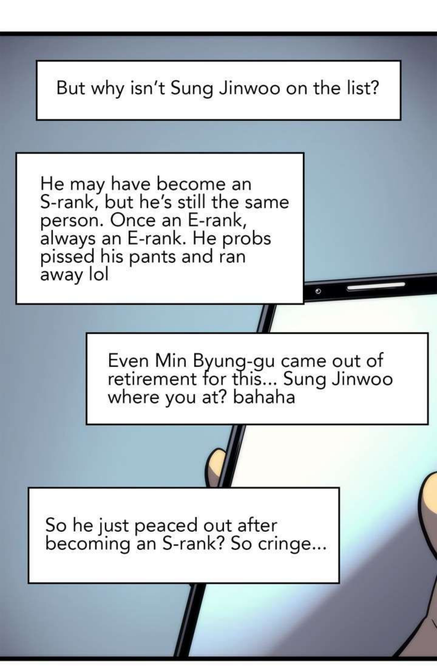
THEY NOW POSSESS MORE HUMAN-LIKE FEATURES...

...AND EVEN HAVE WINGS ON THEIR BACKS.

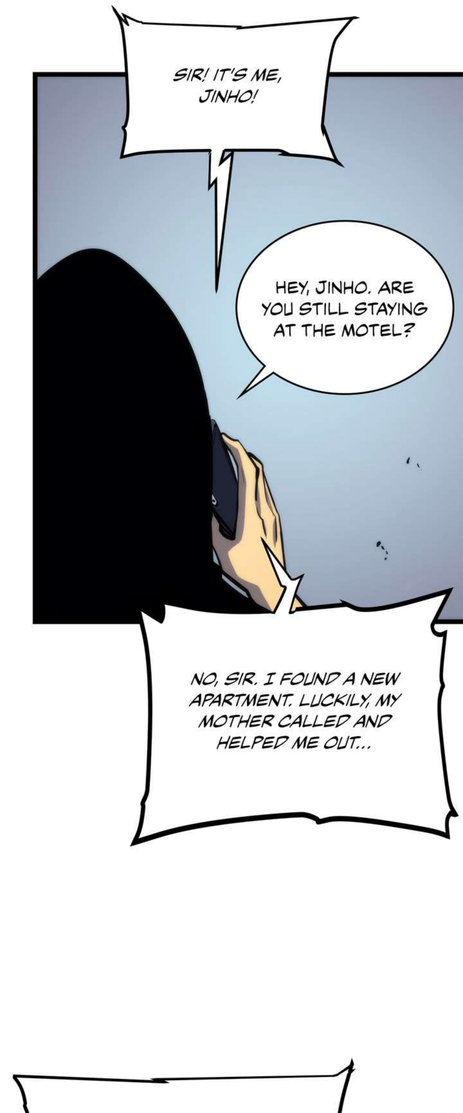
THOSE THINGS CAN FLY AROUND?

YES.
THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED TO CREATE A UNITED TEAM.

EVEN A PERFECTLY CAPABLE HUNTER WOULD WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM A FRIGHTENING MAGIC BEAST LIKE THAT.
TRUE. HOWEVER, THERE'S A RETIRED HUNTER WHO MUSTERED UP THE COURAGE TO JOIN THE RAID.


But why isn't Sung Jinwoo on the list?
He may have become an S-rank, but he's still the same person. Once an E-rank, always an E-rank. He probs pissed his pants and ran away lol
Even Min Byung-gu came out of retirement for this... Sung Jinwoo where you at? bahaha
So he just peaced out after becoming an S-rank? So cringe...

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT HATE COMMENTS, BUT...
...I'M WORRIED ABOUT JINAH.
BZZZ
HEY, ISN'T THAT SUNG JINWOO?


SIR! IT'S ME, JINHO!
HEY, JINHO. ARE YOU STILL STAYING AT THE MOTEL?
NO, SIR. I FOUND A NEW APARTMENT. LUCKILY, MY MOTHER CALLED AND HELPED ME OUT...

ANYWAY, I FOUND US AN OFFICE SPACE. DO YOU HAVE TIME TO COME AND TAKE A LOOK?

AN OFFICE SPACE?

YOU NEED AN OFFICE IF YOU WANT TO FORM A GUILD!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIR? I CHOSE THE BEST OPTION OUT OF ALL THE BUILDINGS NEAR YOUR APARTMENT!

...ISN'T THIS PLACE A BIT TOO BIG FOR JUST THE TWO OF US?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU NEED AT LEAST THREE HUNTERS TO ESTABLISH A GUILD.

A GUILD MASTER, A VICE GUILD MASTER, AND AN EMPLOYEE.

THEN THAT MEANS I HAVE TO RECRUIT ONE MORE PERSON.

I'LL JUST PICK AND CHOOSE A HUNTER I KNOW TO FILL THE HEADCOUNT...

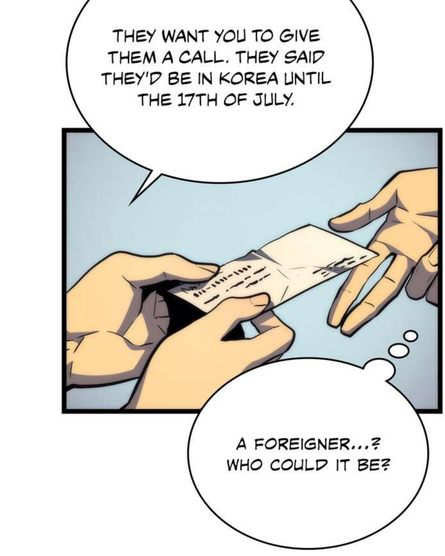
OH, YEAH. SOMEONE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, SIR.

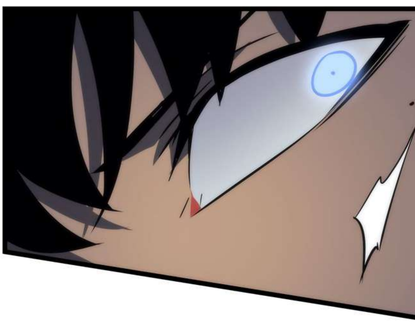
FOR ME?

WHO?

RUMMAGE

IT WAS A FOREIGNER...


THEY WANT YOU TO GIVE THEM A CALL. THEY SAID THEY'D BE IN KOREA UNTIL THE 17TH OF JULY.
A FOREIGNER...? WHO COULD IT BE?



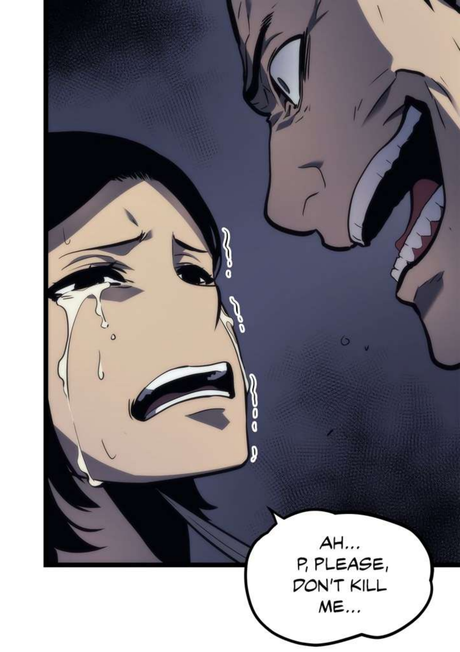
UH, HOLD ON.
FSHHH
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SIR?
I NEED TO GO HOME.

!
SWISH

UWAAAH!

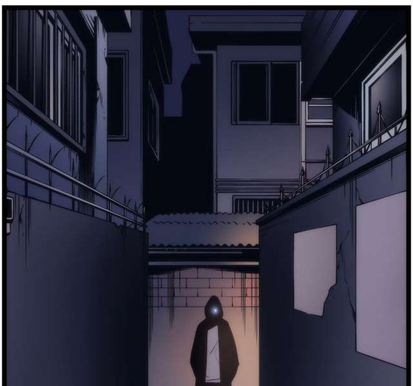
IF YOU SHOUT, I'LL KILL YOU.
TREMBLE

YOU KNOW THAT A FEW PEOPLE WERE MURDERED HERE... RIGHT?


AH...
P, PLEASE,
DON'T KILL
ME...

THIS IS
WHY I LOVE THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD.

I KNOW, RIGHT?
I LOVE THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD,
TOO.

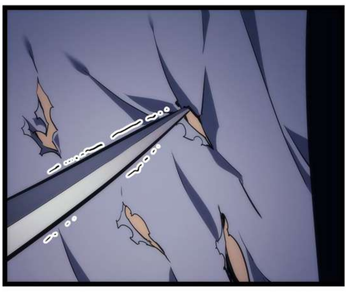


OUT OF CURIOSITY,
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
YOU HERE TO LECTURE ME OR SOMETHING?
REASONS SHMEASONS.
I DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF, BUT IF I HAD TO ANSWER...
...BECAUSE IT'S FUN?!

SWOOSH

WHEN I SET MY SIGHTS ON SOMEONE WEAKER THAN ME, I GET THE URGE TO HARASS TH-
STAB
STAB
STAB

I CAN SOMEWHAT RELATE TO THAT.



ONCE YOU GET A TASTE, THOUGH,

SLASH

RETURNING TO NORMAL LIFE ISN'T EASY

AAAHHH!!
ARGH!!

IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO GO HOME...
...BEFORE IT GOT SO DARK.

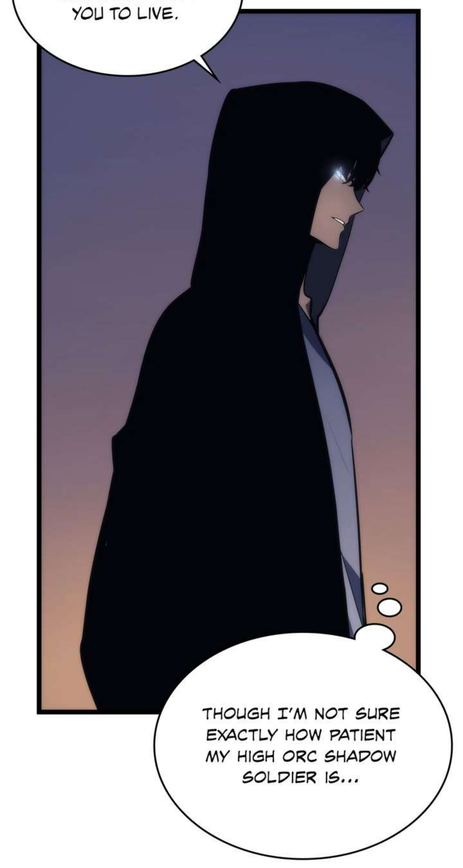
DASH!

TURN YOURSELF IN BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, THAT IS.

IF HE DOESN'T TURN HIMSELF IN BEFORE MIDNIGHT, KILL HIM.

I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE FOR YOU TO LIVE.



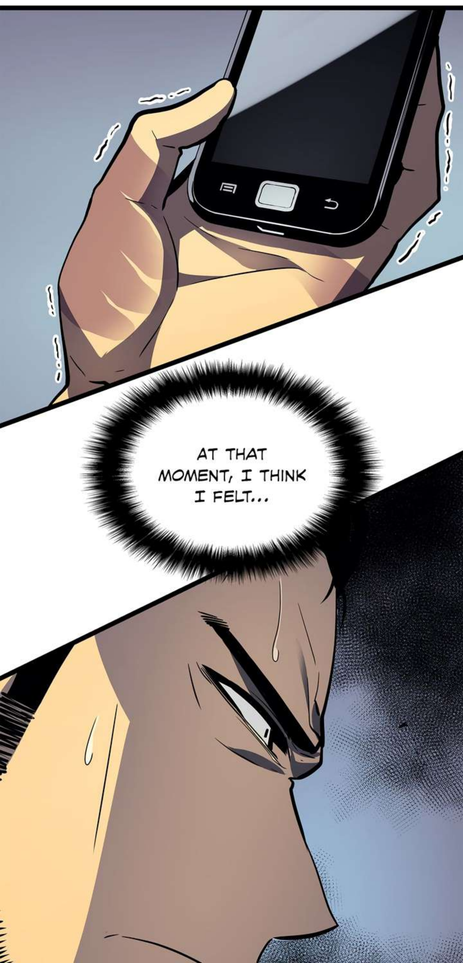
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW PATIENT MY HIGH ORC SHADOW SOLDIER IS...

TOMORROW'S THE DAY...

...THE JEJU ISLAND RAID BEGINS.

THE NEXT DAY

THE HELICOPTER CARRYING THE HUNTERS FLEW TOWARD JEJU ISLAND.



...DEATH.

HAA...
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH ME...?
I'VE
BECOME OVERLY
SENSITIVE...

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THE COAST NEAR JEJU ISLAND

TWO *SEJONG THE GREAT*-CLASS DESTROYERS, TWO KDDX-CLASS DESTROYERS, FOUR *CHUNGMUGONG YI SUN-SIN*-CLASS DESTROYERS,

ONE *KANG GAMCHAN*-CLASS DESTROYER, AND 12 FRIGATES WERE ALL DEPLOYED TO THE NORTH OF JEJU ISLAND.

IT'S TIME TO START BRACIN' YOURSELVES.
THE ANTS MAY HAVE CAUGHT ON BY NOW. THEY COULD COME FLYIN' AT ANY MOMENT.

SIR, DO YA RECKON OUR STRATEGY WILL WORK ON THE ANTS?
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TRY.

KNIGHTS GUILD
BESIDES, IT'S OUR JOB AS THE DEFENSE TEAM TO STAND GUARD IN CASE SOMETHIN' HAPPENS.
WE'RE IN CHARGE OF KILLIN' ANY ANTS THAT FLY OVER OUR WAY AND KEEP 'EM FROM GETTIN' TO THE MAINLAND.

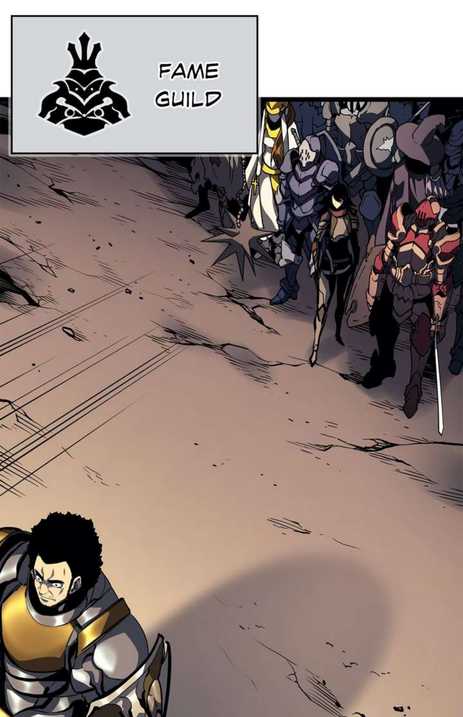
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, SIR...! I, JUNG YOONTAE, WILL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!

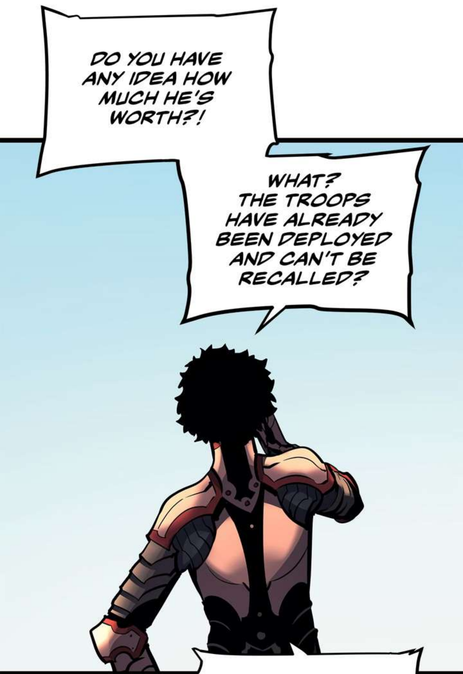
WELL THEN, MAKE SURE YOU WATCH OUR BACKS.

BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' TO WATCH OUT FOR. THEY CALL US THE DEFENSE TEAM, BUT IN REALITY, WE'RE THE STANDBY TEAM.
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE THING TO DO TODAY.

ALL OF OUR GUILD MEMBERS ARE ON DECK, SO AS VICE GUILD MASTER, WHY DON'T YOU RUN THROUGH SOME TACTICAL DRILLS WITH THEM?
NOW HOW WOULD I DO SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT? "VICE GUILD MASTER" IS NOTHIN' BUT A TITLE, YA KNOW.

OUR GUILD WAS ABLE TO GROW THANKS TO YOUR GREAT MANAGEMENT.
YOU NOT ONLY CAME UP WITH THE SYMBOL FOR OUR GUILD, BUT YOU WERE ALSO THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR ACTIVITIES.
I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, BECAUSE I SUCK AT MANAGEMENT.
I'M NOT FEELIN' GREAT ABOUT SENDIN' YOU OUT THERE, BUT MAKE SURE YA GET BACK HERE ALIVE IN ONE PIECE.


FAME GUILD



MEANWHILE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION, THE HUNTERS OF EACH GUILD WERE DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND.

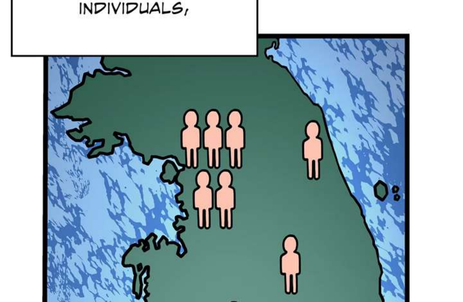
NICE, I CAN SCORE SOME BROWNIE POINTS FOR BEING HERE.
FIEND GUILD
LEE MINSUNG
(A-RANK)

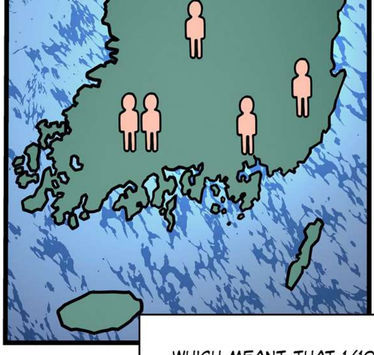
THEY WERE STATIONED THERE BECAUSE PRECAUTIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN. EVEN IF THE RAID WERE TO SUCCEED, THERE WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THE REMAINING MUTANT ANTS WOULD INVADE THE MAINLAND.
HUNTERS GUILD
SON KIHOON
(A-RANK)

STRIKE SQUADS WERE STATIONED TO DEFEND NATIONAL TERRITORY, AND EACH PARTY CONSISTED OF A B-RANK LEADER, THREE C-RANKS, AND MORE THAN 10 D-RANKS AND E-RANKS.

EVEN RETIRED HUNTERS JOINED THE FIGHT, ALONG WITH THOSE WHO HAD AWAKENED BUT CHOSE NOT TO BECOME HUNTERS.

THERE WERE 5,000 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS,





WHICH MEANT THAT 1/10 OF THE 50,000 AWAKENED BEINGS IN SOUTH KOREA HAD JOINED THE FIGHT.

I'M A CAMERAMAN FROM A NEWS AGENCY THAT SPECIALIZES IN REPORTING ABOUT HUNTERS.

JUST AS MY JOB TITLE INDICATES, I FILM HUNTERS IN ACTION.

THIS RAID IS GOING TO BE BROADCAST LIVE NATIONWIDE.

OH, BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE RATING.

THERE WILL BE A 10-MINUTE DELAY BEFORE THE FOOTAGE GOES OUT ON AIR, SO OUR EDITING TEAM WILL BE FILTERING THINGS OUT DURING THAT TIME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE A CAMERAMAN IS ACCOMPANYING US ON SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION.

WHAT ON EARTH WAS MR. GO THINKING...?

A TRULY SUCCESSFUL HUNTER IS ONE THAT HAS SOMEONE TO PROTECT.

HOWEVER, YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF OUT THERE, MR. CAMERAMAN.

YES,

NOT TO WORRY. I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT I'M STILL AN A-RANK HUNTER.

DESPITE HAVING THEIR HUNTER'S LICENSE, THERE ARE MANY AWAKENED INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE BECAUSE THEY DISLIKE RAIDS.

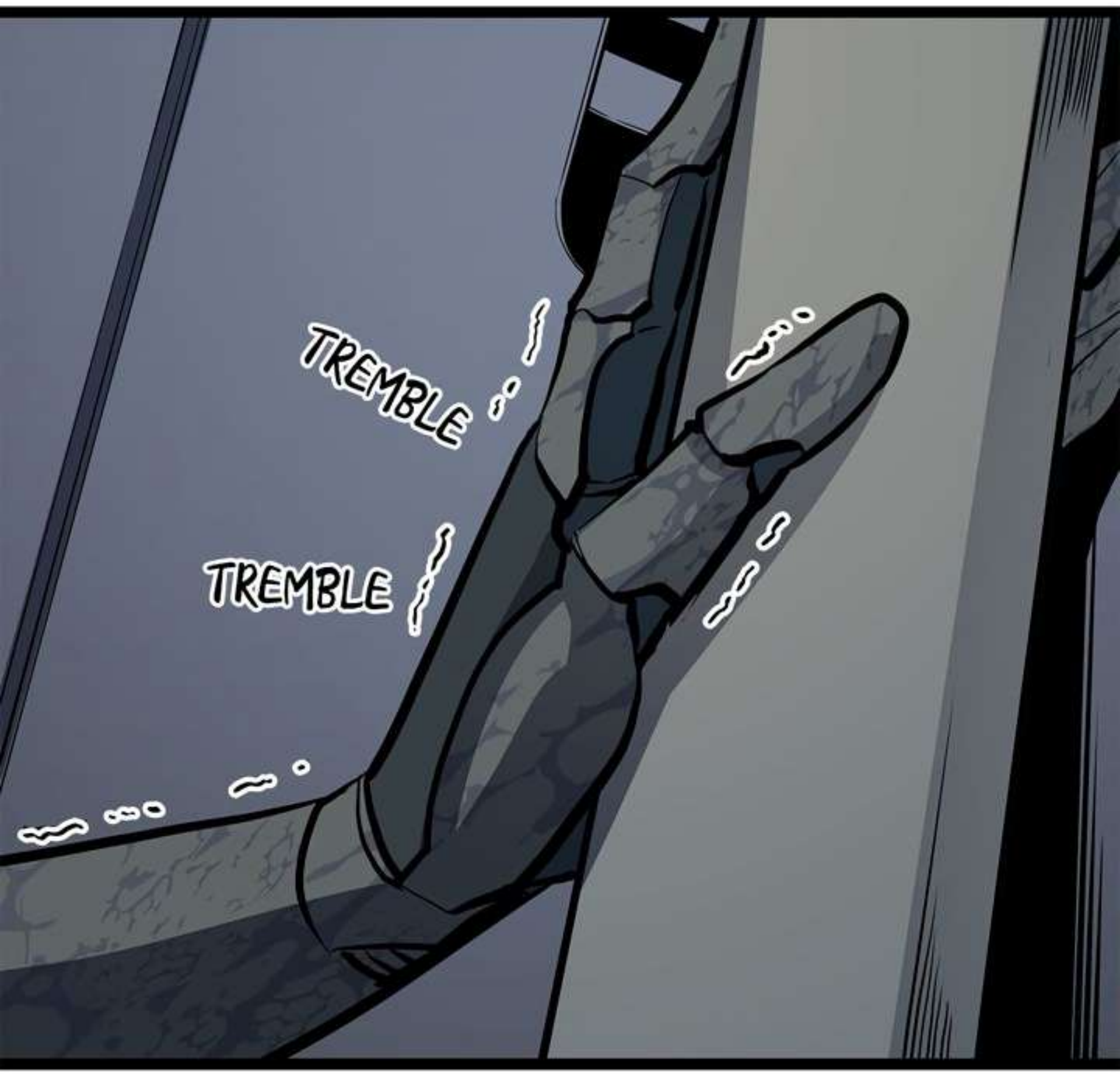
THE CAMERAMAN, WHO HAS AN A-RANK HUNTER'S LICENSE, WAS ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

I BASICALLY HAVE TWO PROFESSIONS.

THIS ISN'T MY FIRST TIME GOING TO A DANGEROUS FILMING LOCATION.

I WAS EVEN SENT TO COVER A FEW DUNGEON BREAKS...

BUT OF COURSE...
I'M NOT QUITE SURE
HOW HELPFUL MY PAST
EXPERIENCES WILL BE
THIS TIME AROUND.



DON'T BE SO NERVOUS.

THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION PROBABLY LET A CAMERAMAN ACCOMPANY US BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THIS FOURTH RAID HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.

TH, THANK YOU.

GOOD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME CIVILIANS WILL GET TO WITNESS AN S-RANK RAID.

PLUS, WE'VE ALREADY FAILED THREE TIMES BEFORE IN JEJU, SO EVERYONE WILL BE EAGERLY WATCHING.

LET'S MAKE SURE TO SHOW THEM A CLEAN VICTORY.

REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, IF WE FAIL THIS MISSION, THE COUNTRY OF SOUTH KOREA COULD BE WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH...
THE WORLD IS IN DIRE NEED OF HEROES RIGHT NOW.
ON A SEPARATE NOTE...
BYUNG-GU, I NEVER THOUGHT

I'D SEE YOU
HERE.

I JUST FELT LIKE YOU'D BE THE FIRST TO DIE WITHOUT MY HEALS,
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU POUNCE EVERY TIME YOU SEE A BEAST.
HEHE
HAHA
"POUNCE"?! WHO, ME?!

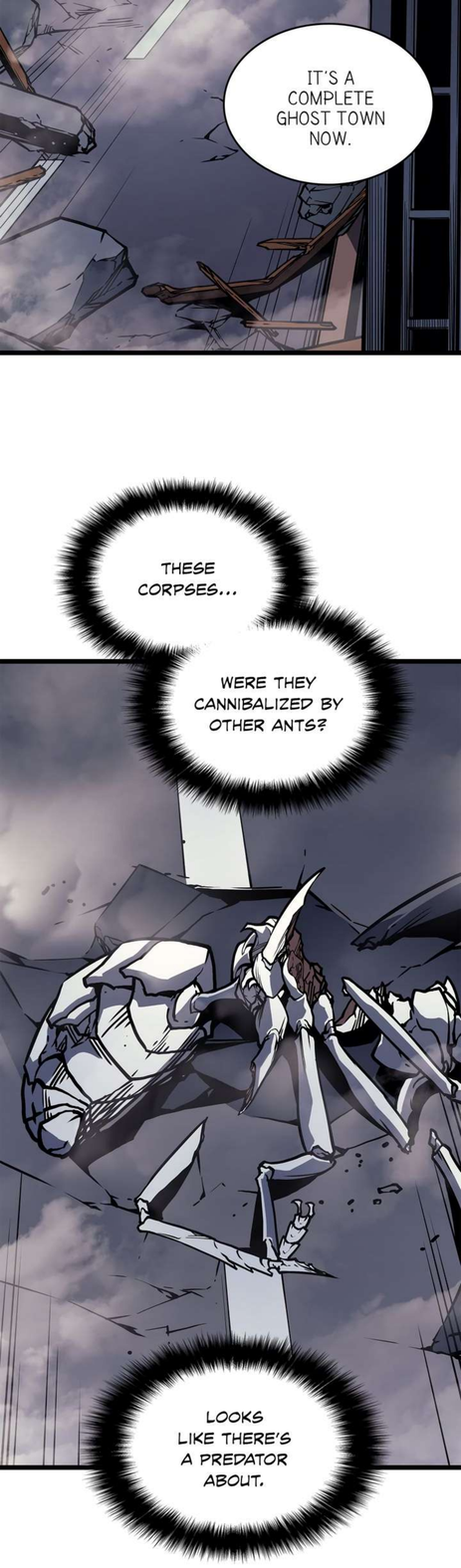
HEY, MR. BAEK. DID YOU HAPPEN TO MEET WITH SUNG JINWOO BEFORE COMING HERE?
NO. WHY DO YOU ASK?

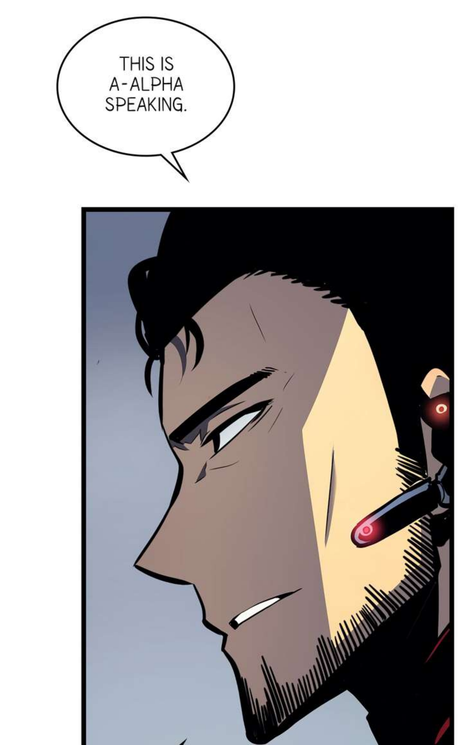
AH... NO REASON.

HAHA, LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

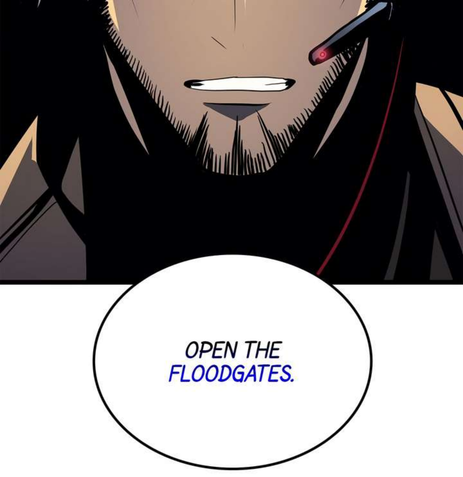
SO THIS USED TO BE JEJU CITY, HUH?


IT'S A COMPLETE GHOST TOWN NOW.
THESE CORPSES...
WERE THEY CANNIBALIZED BY OTHER ANTS?
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A PREDATOR ABOUT.


THIS IS A-ALPHA SPEAKING.

REQUESTING ROLL CALL, OVER.

B-BRAVO, OVER.
C-CHARLIE, OVER.
D-DELTA, OVER.
EVERYONE,

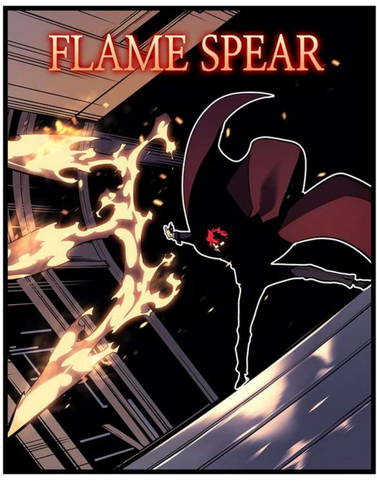


OPEN THE FLOODGATES.

WHOA, LOOK AT THE INTENSITY OF THE MANA WAVES...!
THE JAPANESE MUST HAVE LAUNCHED THE OPERATION.

SWOOSH
SWOOSH

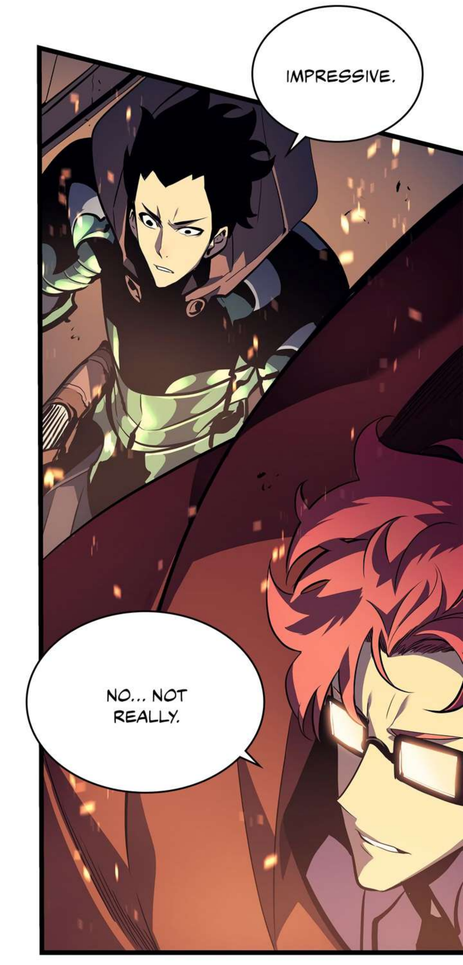
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.


FLAME SPEAR

FWOOSH

BOOM

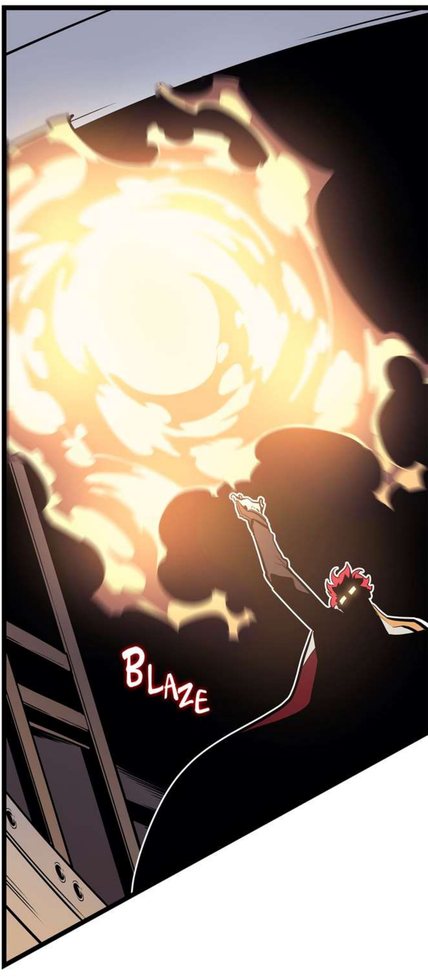
BOOM
BOOM


IMPRESSIVE.
NO... NOT REALLY.

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

THIS MUCH FIRE POWER ISN'T ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM DOWN.

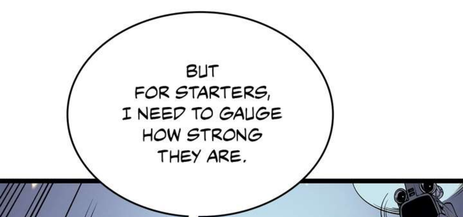
THERE MAY BE SOME TURBULENCE, SO HOLD ON TIGHT.



OOSH

THE ANTS HAVE EVOLVED QUITE A LOT. THEY'RE NOT LIKE THEY USED TO BE.

MY FIRE ATTACK WOULD'VE SUFFICED IN AN A-RANK DUNGEON, BUT THESE GUYS HAVE A HIGH RESISTANCE TO MAGIC. I HAVE TO USE GREATER FORCE.


BUT FOR STARTERS, I NEED TO GAUGE HOW STRONG THEY ARE.

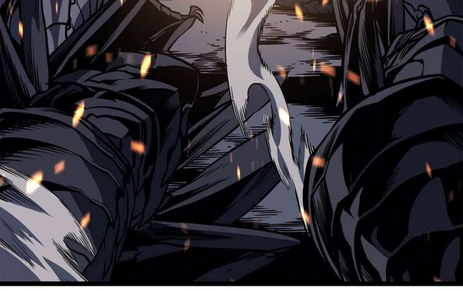
UH... HEY, COACH CHOI!

BLAZE

DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE OKAY...?

HE SHOULD BE FINE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS FIRE MAGIC SPECIALIZES IN FIGHTING MULTIPLE OPPONENTS.



FWOOOOSH

SIZZLE

THE LAST TIME I PLAYED WITH ANTS WAS WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY.
I REMEMBER HEARING FAINT SNAPPING NOISES EVERY TIME I TORCHED AN ANT WITH A LIGHTER...

BOOM
KA BOOM
BOOM

NOW, I HEAR FIREWORKS.

YOU GUYS CAN COME DOWN.

HAHA...

UNLIKE OUR PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS, WE WON'T HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE THIS TIME AROUND.

WE COULD VERY WELL END UP TRAPPED INSIDE THE ANT TUNNELS.

THE JAPANESE HUNTERS CAN ONLY STALL FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

WE MUST DEFEAT THE QUEEN IN THAT TIME FRAME.

IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE JUMP, KEEP IT SHORT.

LET'S GO!

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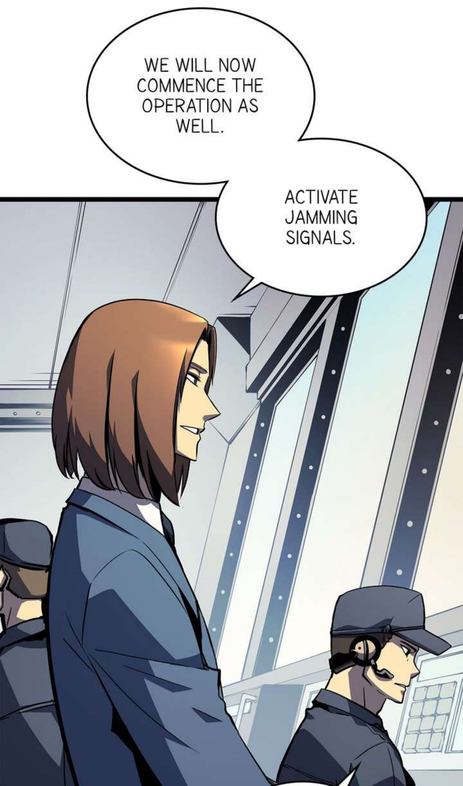
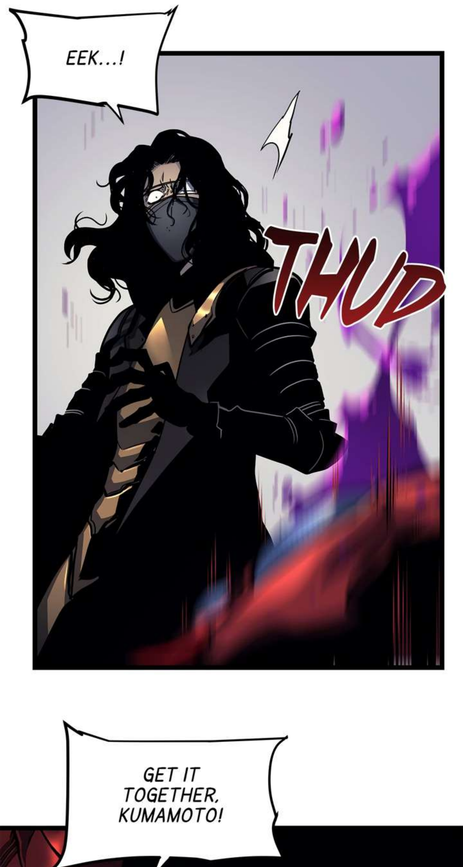


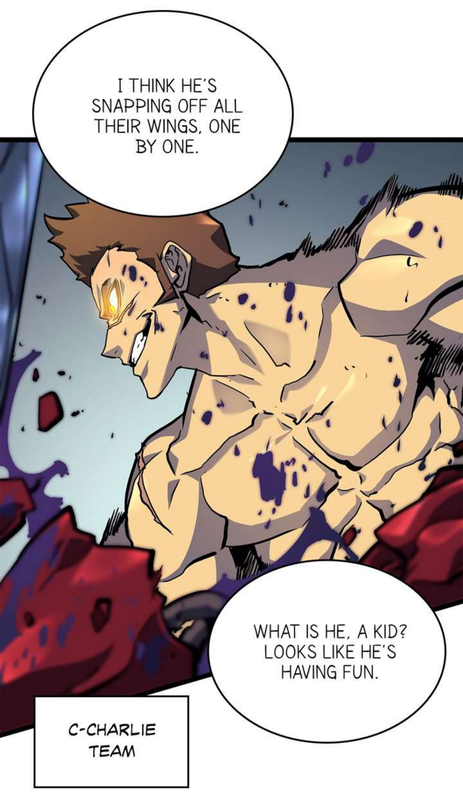
ACTIVATING JAMMING SIGNALS.

NOW, THE ANTS WON'T BE ABLE TO HEAR THE QUEEN'S CALL FOR HELP.


EEK...!
THUD

GET IT TOGETHER, KUMAMOTO!

IF YOU DON'T GET USED TO THEM, YOU'RE GOING TO END UP DEAD!
B-BRAVO TEAM
IT MIGHT BE FASTER TO KILL ALL OF THESE GUYS OURSELVES INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN TEAM TO KILL THE QUEEN.
MAYBE.
WHERE DID KENZO GO?
HE'S PLAYING TAG RIGHT NOW.


I THINK HE'S SNAPPING OFF ALL THEIR WINGS, ONE BY ONE.
WHAT IS HE, A KID? LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING FUN.
C-CHARLIE TEAM

D-DELTA TEAM
FIREWORKS ARE GOING OFF AT THE ANT TUNNELS.
CHOI JONG-IN, WAS IT? MUST BE HIM.

MY ICE AND HIS FIRE...
I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE FACED OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER.

IT'D BE COLD AND HOT, DUH.

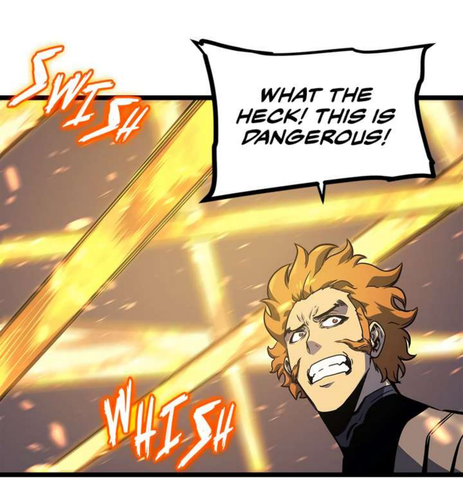
SO THIS IS BAENGNOKDAM... IT WAS ONCE FAMOUS FOR ITS BEAUTY, BUT...
...NOW, IT'S BECOME A WASTELAND.

YUP, IT'S
NOTHING BUT AN
ANT COLONY
NOW.

I USUALLY USE THIS FLAME PRISON TO TIE UP MY ENEMIES, BUT I'M USING IT NOW AS A SHIELD...
THIS WILL KEEP ANTS THAT ARE B-RANK OR LOWER FROM ENTERING.

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR A WAY IN NOW.
SWOOSH

WHOOOOSH


SWISH
WHAT THE HECK! THIS IS DANGEROUS!
WHISH

THIS PLACE IS LIKE A LABYRINTH.
FWIP
SWISH
BOOM
BANG
WHISH
BLAST
IF WE GO DOWN A RANDOM PATH, WE'LL END UP RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED, JUST LIKE THESE FIREBALLS.

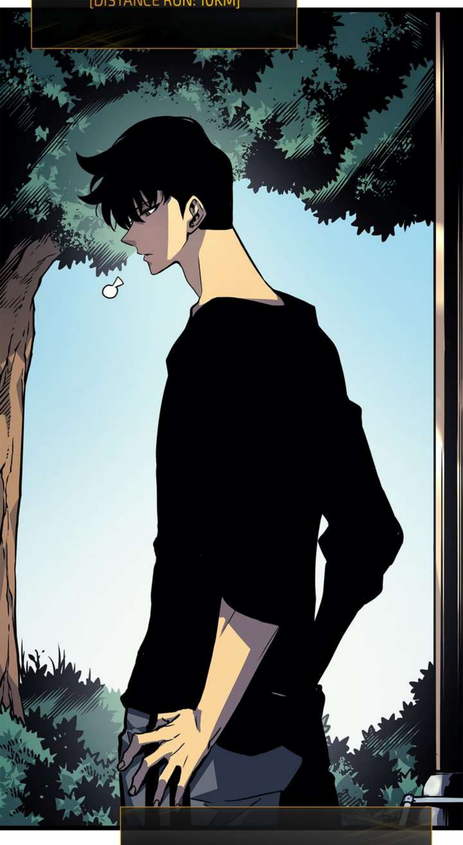
THE WAY INSIDE WILL PROBABLY BE THROUGH A DEEP TUNNEL THAT DOESN'T SHOW ANY SIGNS OF EXPLOSION.
BAM
BLAST
BANG

SEEMS LIKE THAT'S THE TUNNEL WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

WOW, CHOI JONG-IN... HAVING HIM ON OUR TEAM IS REASSURING.

LET'S GO IN.

[DISTANCE RUN: 10KM]



[YOU HAVE COMPLETED RUNNING 10KM.]

STATUS

STRENGTH: 219
HEALTH: 200
AGILITY: 230
INTELLIGENCE: 250
SENSE: 200
AP: 0

PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 46%

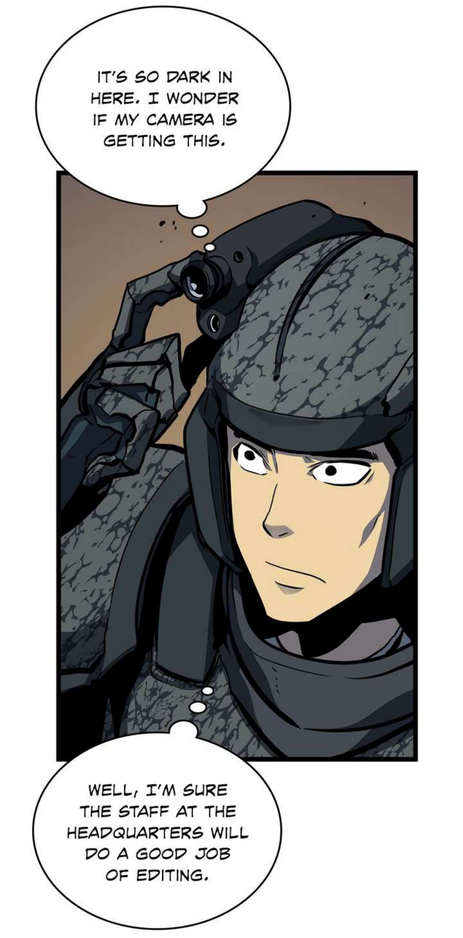
THE SOUTH KOREAN AND JAPANESE S-RANK HUNTERS...

...WERE ALL VERY STRONG. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

AS LONG AS EVERYTHING
GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN.

EXCEPT FOR A FEW THAT STAYED BEHIND, IT LOOKS LIKE THE REST LEFT THE TUNNELS. OUR PREDICTION WAS SPOT ON.
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING THESE CREATURES... WERE THEY THE QUEEN'S ROYAL GUARDS? IF SO, THEY WERE PRETTY WEAK.
LOOK, THEIR EYES HAVE DETERIORATED.
THESE PARTICULAR ANTS MUST'VE EVOLVED TO BETTER GUARD THESE DARK TUNNELS.
THAT MAKES THINGS EASIER FOR US.
IF THESE AREN'T THE ROYAL GUARDS, THEN WE CAN JUST BREEZE RIGHT THROUGH, USING OUR FIRE POWER.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE QUEEN IS HERE, THOUGH?
WHAT IF SHE BETRAYED HER OWN SUBJECTS AND RAN AWAY BY HERSELF...?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THEY'RE JUST ANTS.
BESIDES, WE'RE ON AN ISLAND. THERE'S NOWHERE FOR HER TO RUN.


IT'S SO DARK IN HERE. I WONDER IF MY CAMERA IS GETTING THIS.
WELL, I'M SURE THE STAFF AT THE HEADQUARTERS WILL DO A GOOD JOB OF EDITING.

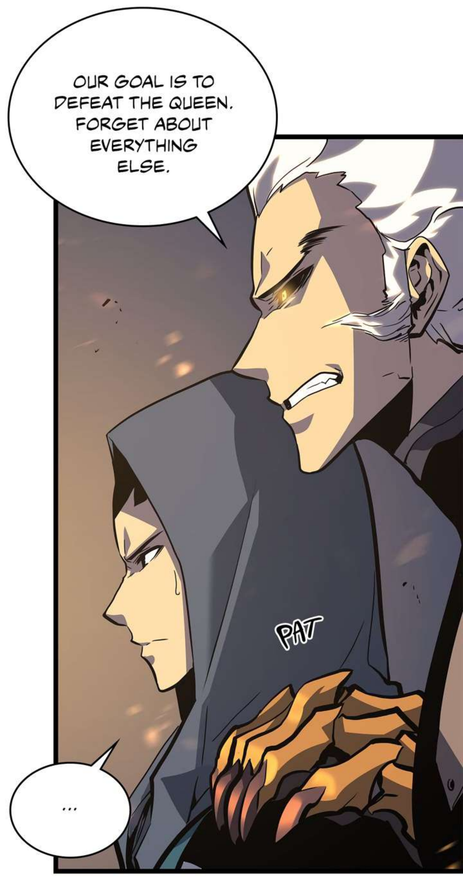
LOOK...!
IT'S A SPAWNING GROUND.
THE FACT THAT THERE'S ONE HERE MUST MEAN THAT...
...THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER IS NEARBY.
SO THOSE ANTS EARLIER MUST HAVE BEEN STATIONED TO PROTECT THESE EGGS.
I'LL SET THEM ALL ON FIRE.

WAIT!

OUT OF ALL THE HATCHED EGGS, THAT ONE OVER THERE IS ESPECIALLY HUGE!

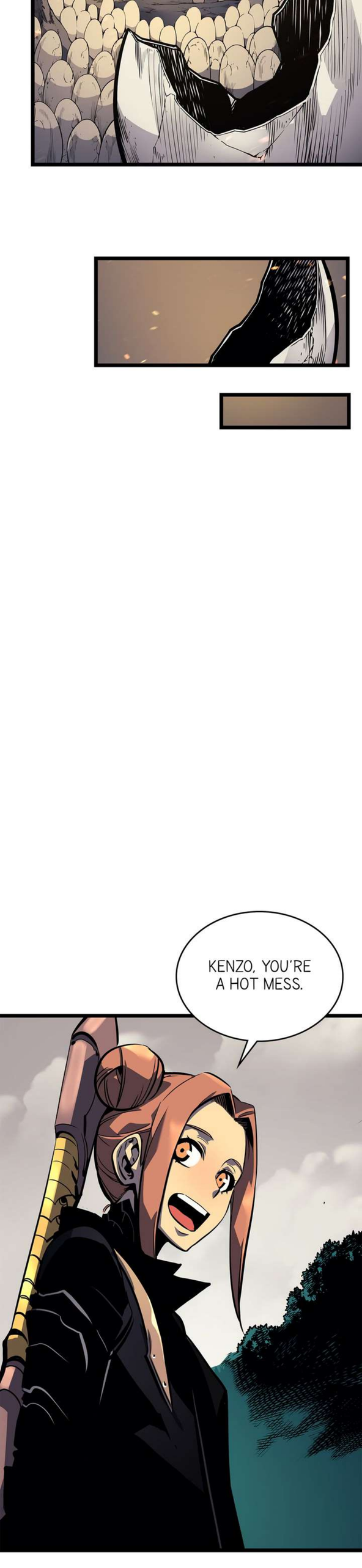
THAT CAN'T BE AN ANT EGG, CAN IT? NO WAY...
WHAT IN THE WORLD HATCHED OUT OF THAT THING?

A ROYAL GUARD? BUT...


OUR GOAL IS TO DEFEAT THE QUEEN. FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.
PAT
...

I DON'T BLAME BYUNG-GU FOR BEING SO TAKEN ABACK.

THOSE MONSTERS...!


KENZO, YOU'RE
A HOT MESS.

THE FLYING ANTS TURNED OUT TO BE PESKIER THAN I THOUGHT.

THEY ATTACKED USING MILITARY TACTICS AND FLEW IN BATTLE FORMATION.

I THINK I KILLED AROUND 30, BUT THEY MANAGED TO GET ME IN THE SHOULDER AND WAIST.

WANT ME TO HEAL YOU?

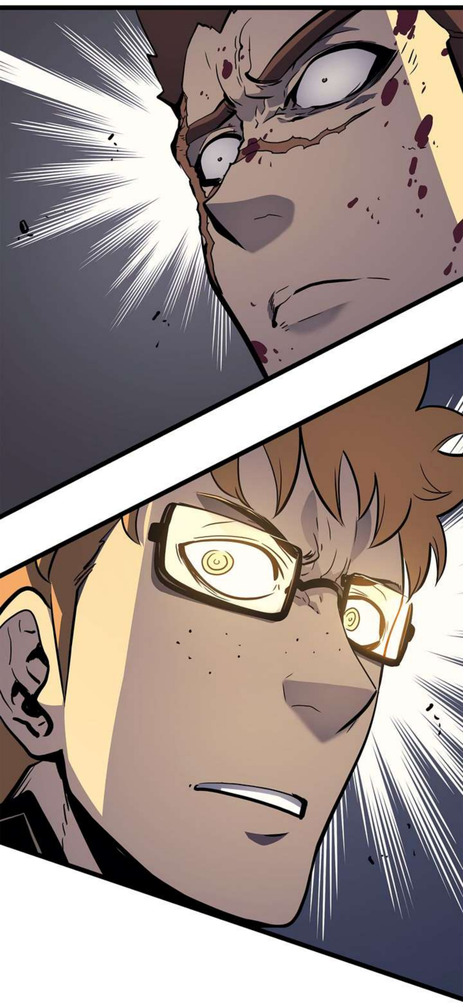
THERE'S A PRICE FOR IT, THOUGH.

STOP BEING ANNOYING, SHIMIZU. JUST HEAL ME ALREADY.

BUT I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT FROM YOU. IT ISN'T MONEY THIS TIME EITHER.
WHAT IS IT? YOU KNOW YOU MAKE MORE THAN I DO, RIGHT?
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, AND YET YOU'RE ALREADY SO OBSESSED WITH MONEY.

HURRY UP.
MORE ANTS ARE COMING FOR US.

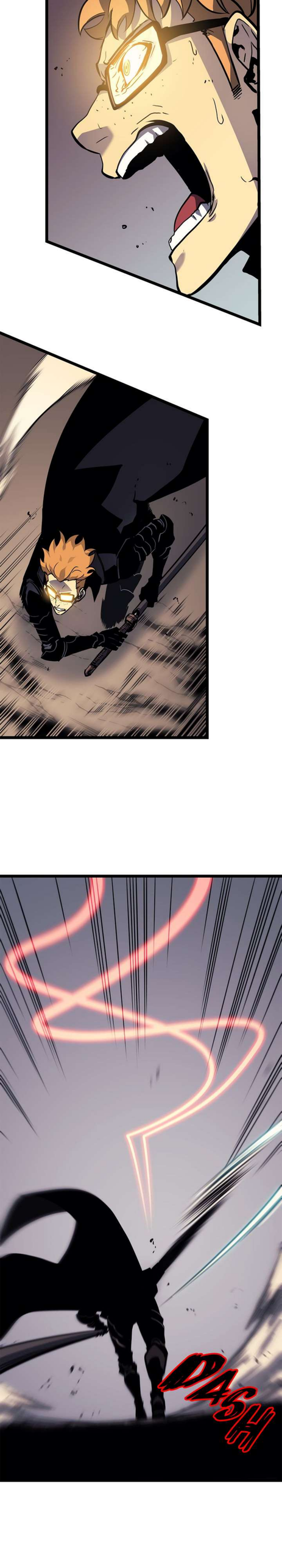
COME ON, OUT WITH IT ALREADY. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SLICE



SPLATTER

THEY'RE NEARBY!
BE CAREF...!!

YOU BASTARD!!
CRUSH
SPLURT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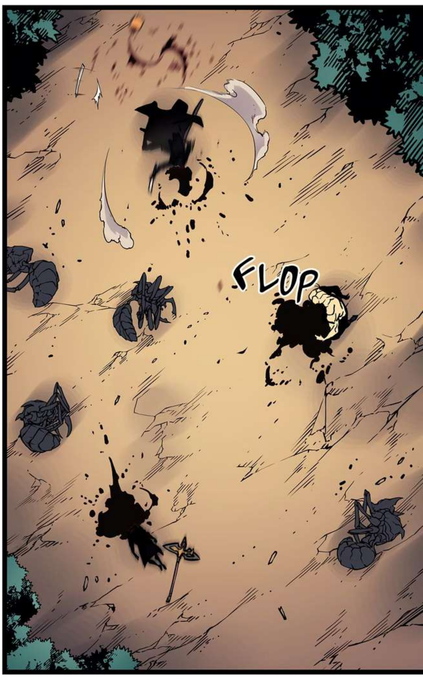
SLASH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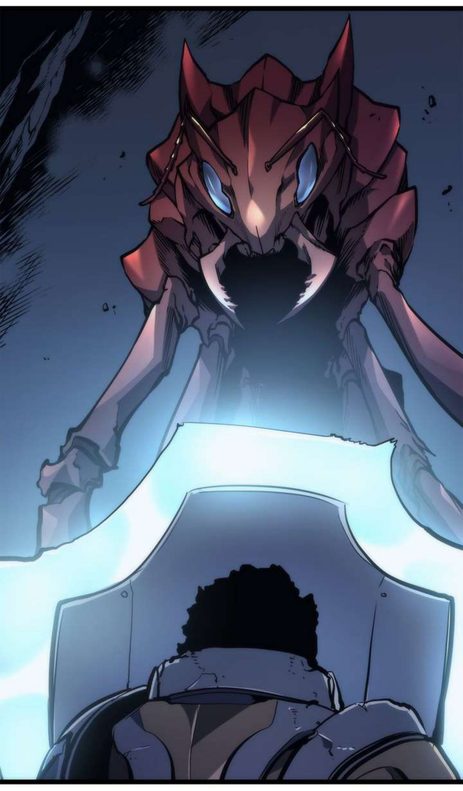
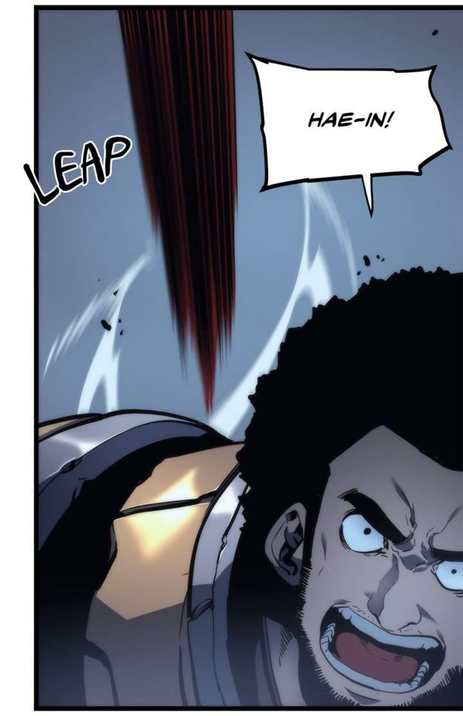
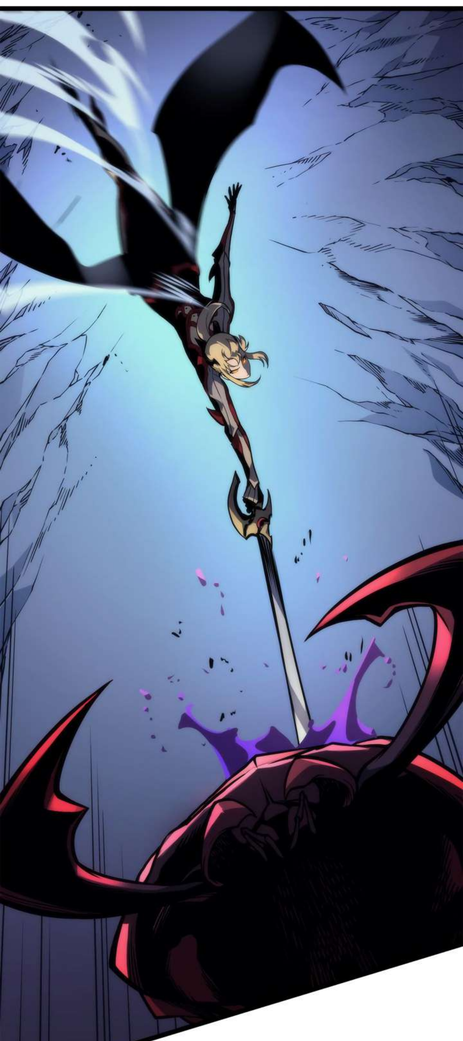
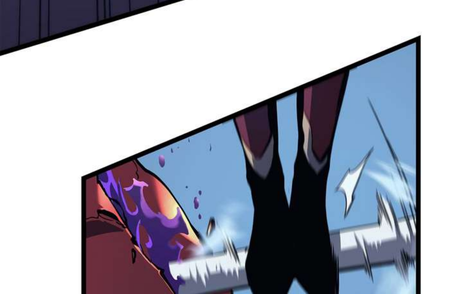


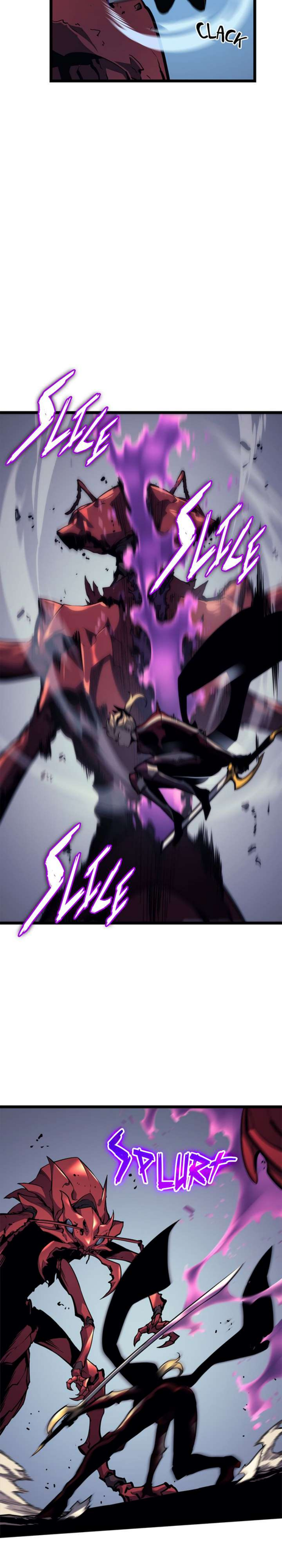
LOOKS LIKE EACH ONE IS BASICALLY AN S-RANK.
BUT IN THE END, BEASTS ARE BEASTS.
UNLIKE HUNTERS, WHO USE A WIDE VARIETY OF BATTLE TACTICS, THEIR MOVEMENTS ARE LIMITED!

CLANG


LEAP
HAE-IN!



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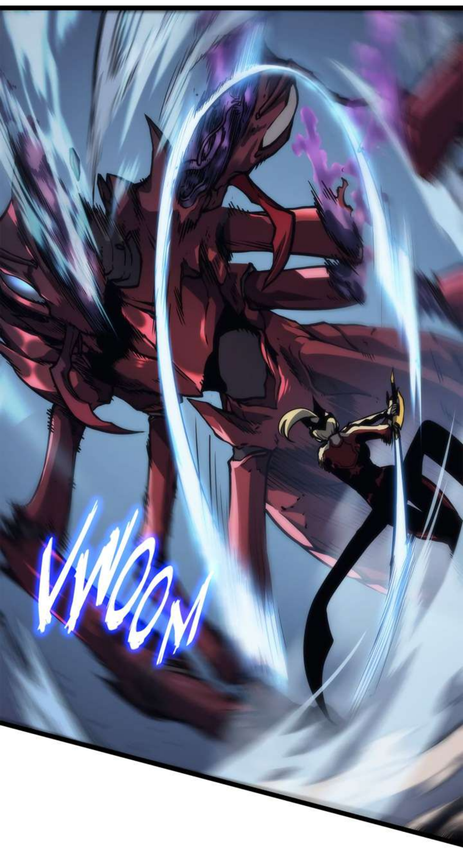
SPLURT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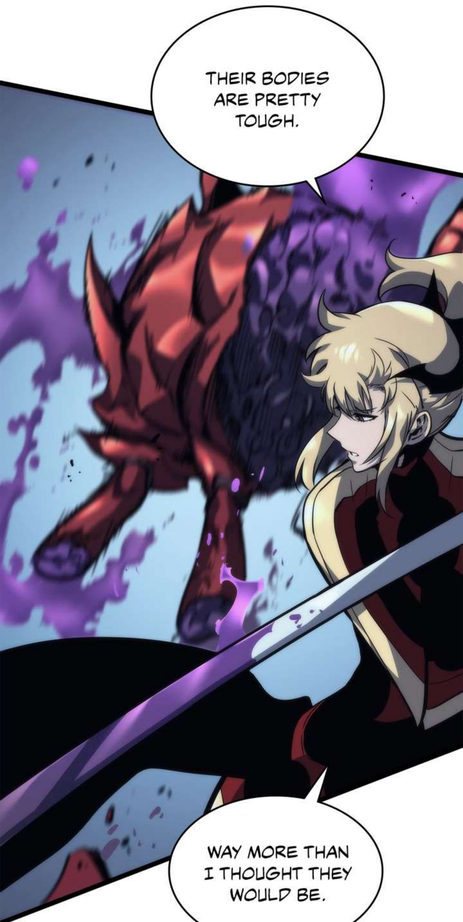
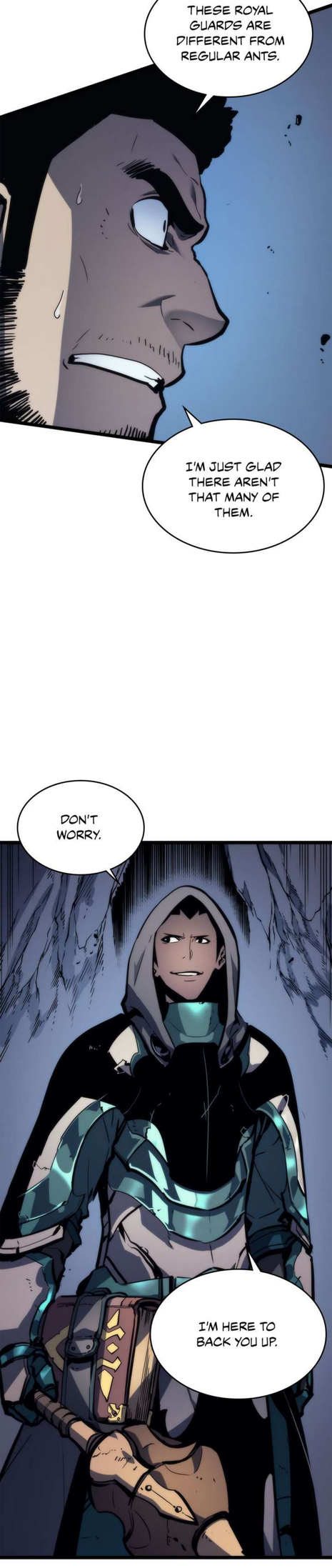

THEIR BODIES ARE PRETTY TOUGH.
WAY MORE THAN I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE.


THESE ROYAL GUARDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR ANTS.
I'M JUST GLAD THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM.
DON'T WORRY.
I'M HERE TO BACK YOU UP.

I GUESS YOU AREN'T ALWAYS A SCAREDY-CAT.

SWISH

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, MAN. STOP ACTING LIKE AN AMATEUR.

SMASH

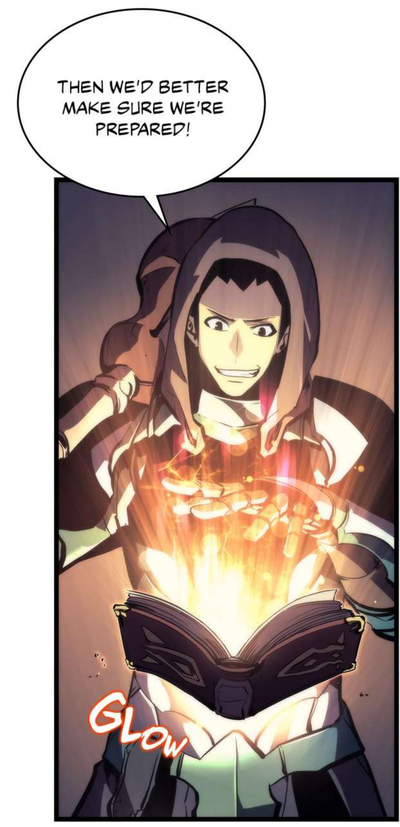
DID YOU FORGET? EVEN IF YOU CRUSH THEIR SKULLS, THEY CAN REMAIN ALIVE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

YOU HAVE TO EITHER CUT OFF THEIR LIMBS, OR MAKE SURE YOU FINISH THEM OFF FOR GOOD.

UH... RIGHT!

EVEN THOUGH THE QUEEN ISN'T IN HER CHAMBER, HER ROYAL GUARDS ARE HERE.
BUT THESE ONES LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FROM AN OLDER GENERATION...
THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT...
I THINK THEY WERE CAST OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE FIRST-GENERATION ANTS.

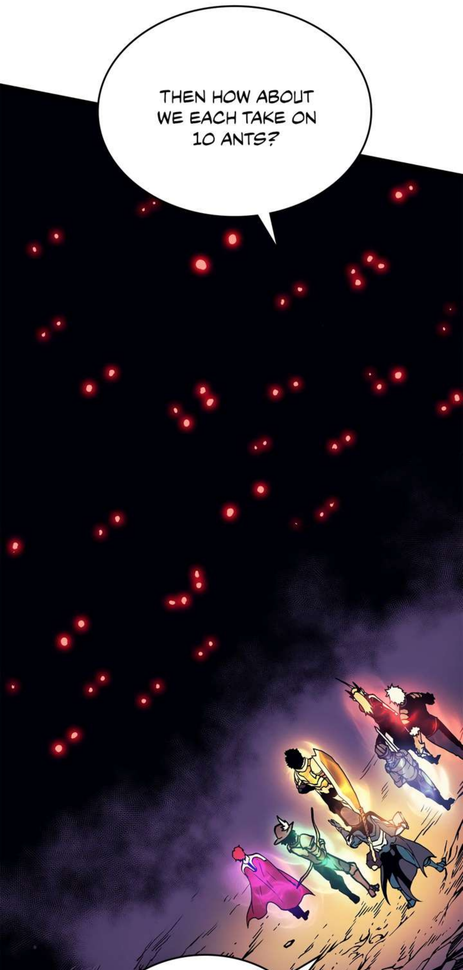
THAT MEANS A SLEW OF SECOND-GENERATION GUARDS MAY BE WAITING FOR US UP AHEAD.


THEN WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE WE'RE PREPARED!
GLOW

I FEEL A NEWFOUND STRENGTH COURSING THROUGH MY BODY!

IN FACT,
I DON'T JUST FEEL
REFRESHED,

I FEEL LIKE
I COULD TAKE
ON A GROUP OF
BEASTS AND WIN!

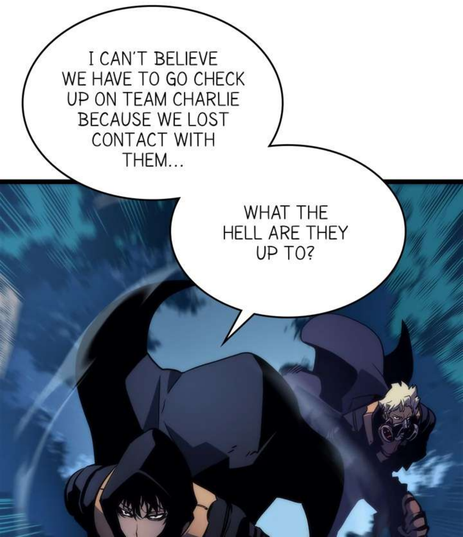

THEN HOW ABOUT
WE EACH TAKE ON
10 ANTS?

I'VE GOT
THE COMBAT
SKILLS OF AN
A-RANK,

SO I CAN TAKE
CARE OF ONE OR

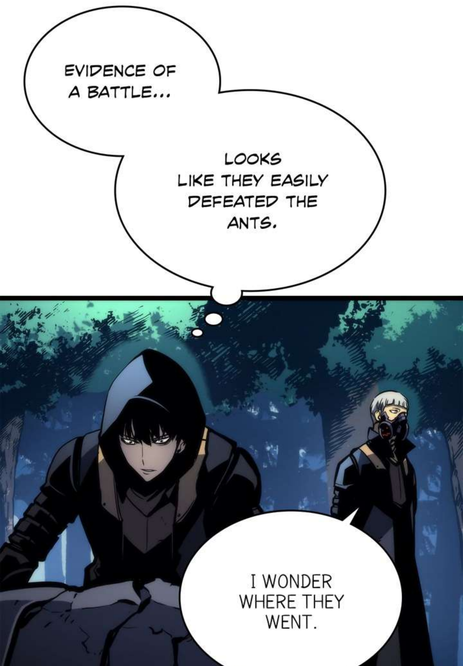
TWO STRAGGLERS
IF NEEDED.

THESE BUFFS YOU'VE GIVEN US SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH, SO STAND BACK AND WATCH HOW IT'S DONE.



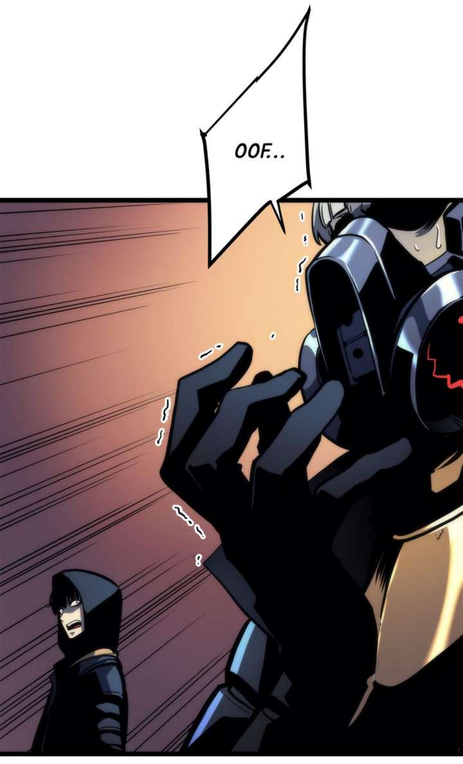
HEY, SLOW DOWN.

IS THIS WHERE THEY WERE STATIONED?


EVIDENCE OF A BATTLE...
LOOKS LIKE THEY EASILY DEFEATED THE ANTS.
I WONDER WHERE THEY WENT.

FUJISHIMA'S
GLASSES?

NO WAY...
NO...
IMPOSSIBLE.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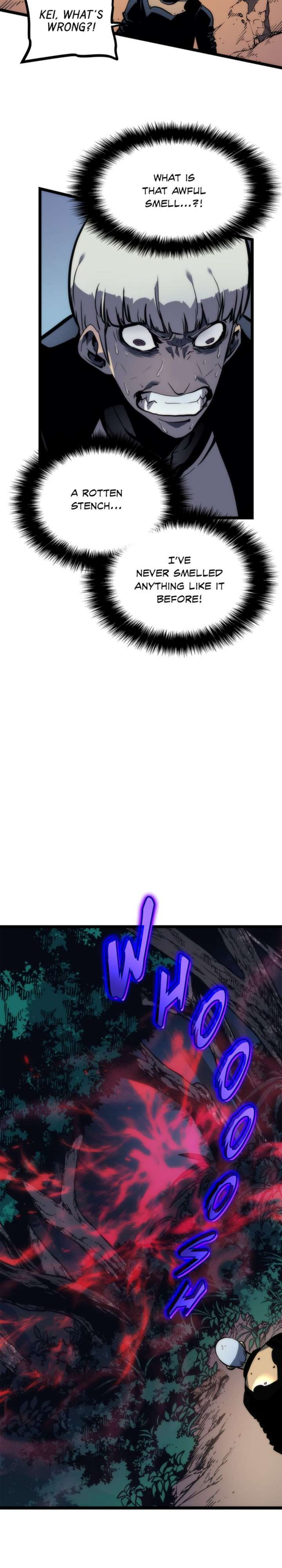
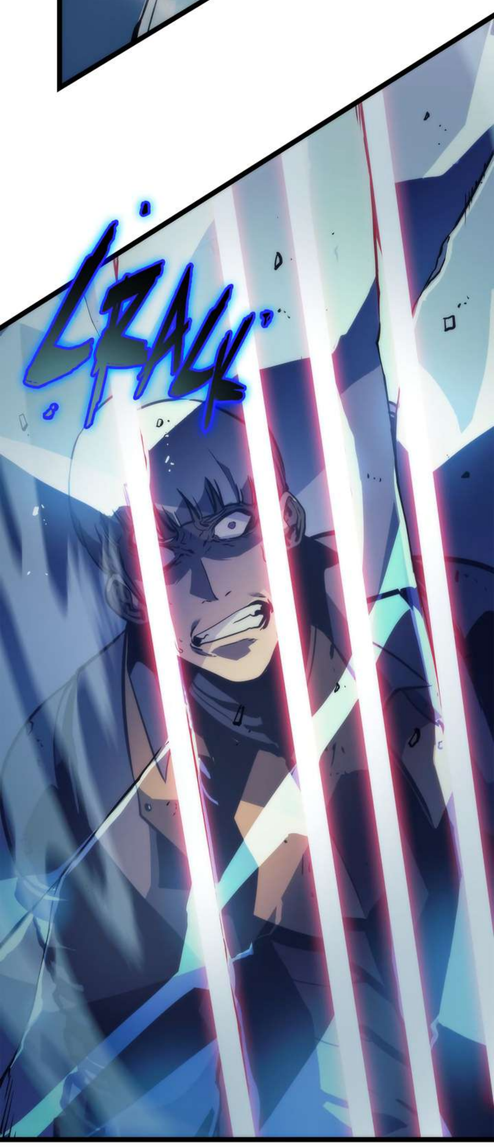
BLAAAAARGH!


KEI, WHAT'S WRONG?!
WHAT IS THAT AWFUL SMELL...?!
A ROTTEN STENCH...
I'VE NEVER SMELLED ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!
WHOOOOOSH

AAAAAHHHH!!
BLAST
BOOOOOOM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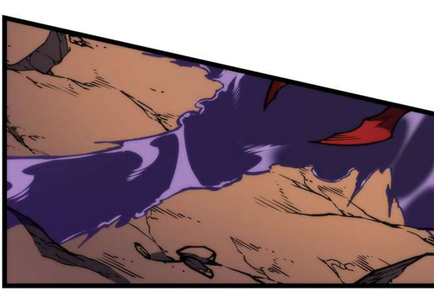
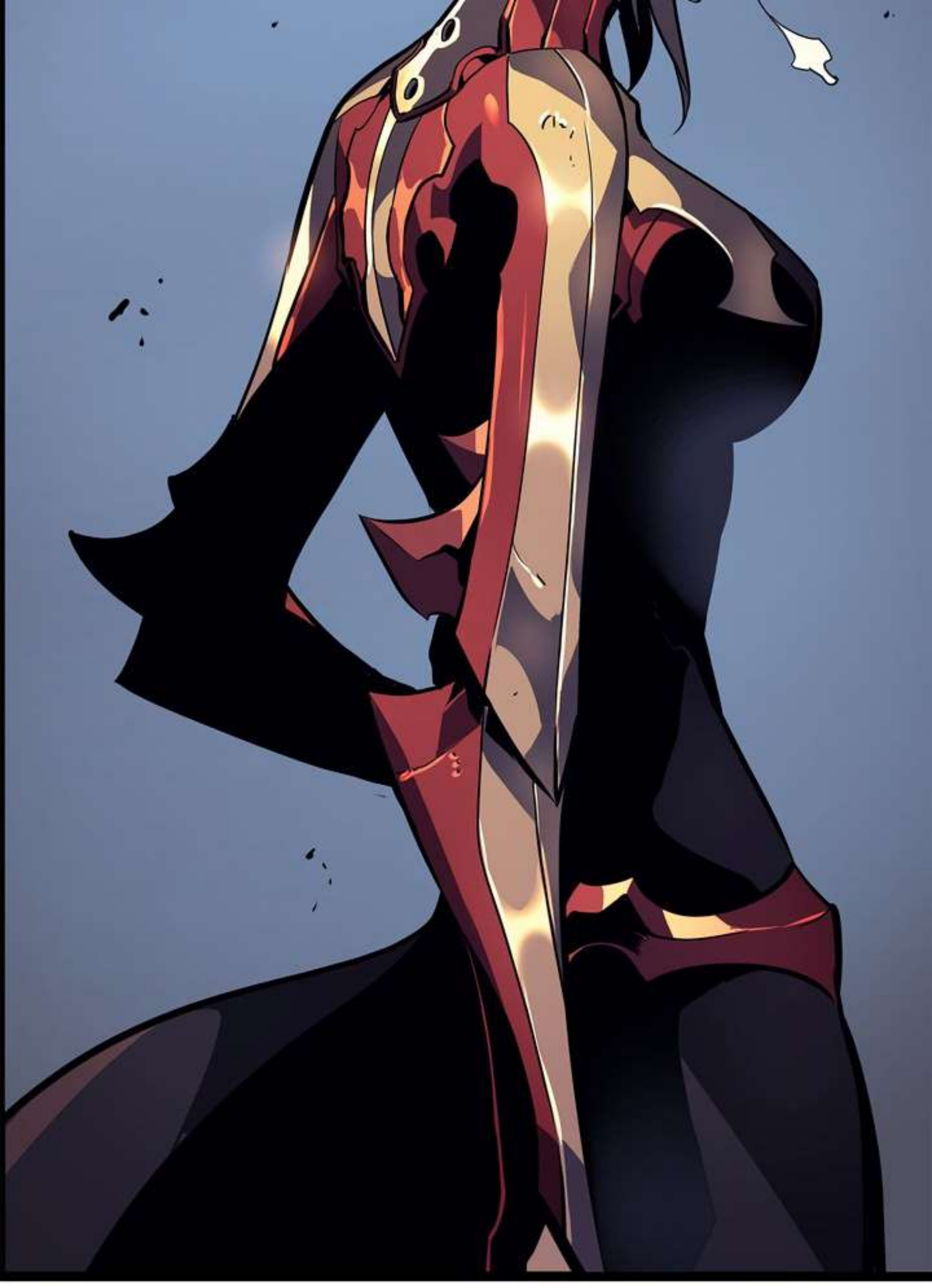
CLANK



DAMN IT... WE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME ON THESE GUYS.
NO, IT ONLY TOOK FIVE MINUTES TO DEFEAT THIS MANY ANTS. WE WERE PRETTY FAST.
THAT WAS AMAZING. BYUNG-GU BASICALLY GAVE HER WINGS.
IN THAT SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, SHE PROBABLY SLAUGHTERED AT LEAST TWICE AS MANY ANTS AS I DID.



IT TOOK US 15 MINUTES TO REACH THIS POINT.

IT'LL TAKE US LESS TIME TO GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME, SO...

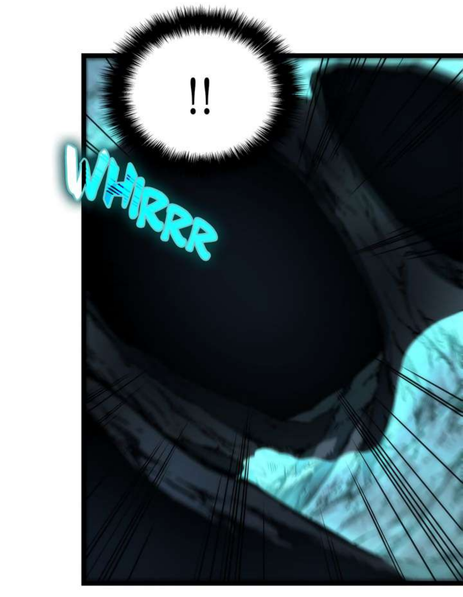
I'D SAY WE HAVE ABOUT 30 MINUTES LEFT.

NOW WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO COMPLETE THIS RAID...

THIS SMELL...

...PROBABLY BELONGS TO THE QUEEN. I THINK SHE'S WITH HER GUARDS AS WELL...

LET ME CHECK.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WHIRRR

THAT'S... THE QUEEN?!

THE QUEEN IS IN THE VERY BACK...
...AND THERE ARE EIGHT GUARDS IN FRONT OF HER.

THE ROYAL GUARDS ARE PRETTY MUCH AS STRONG AS S-RANKS, BUT...

THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH THEM OFF WHILE I CREATE A DIVERSION AND BUY THEM TIME.

MS. CHA, I'LL TAKE ON THE QUEEN. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE GUARDS?

SURE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

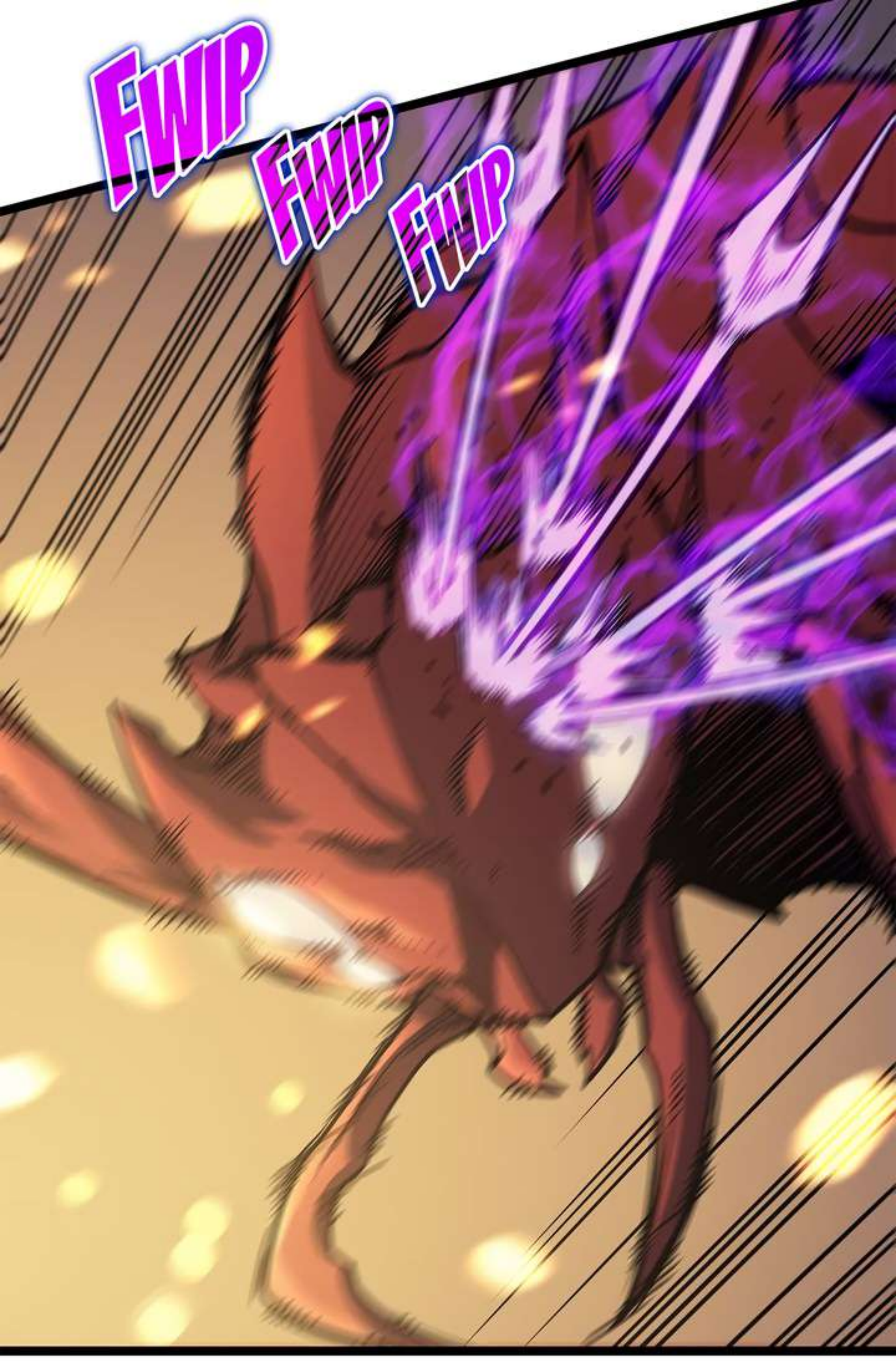
BOOM

KA

BOOM

USUALLY I HAVE

USUALLY, I HAVE TO RESTRAIN MYSELF.
BUT TODAY, I THINK IT'D BE A SHAME TO LET ANY MANA GO UNUSED.
FWOOOOOSH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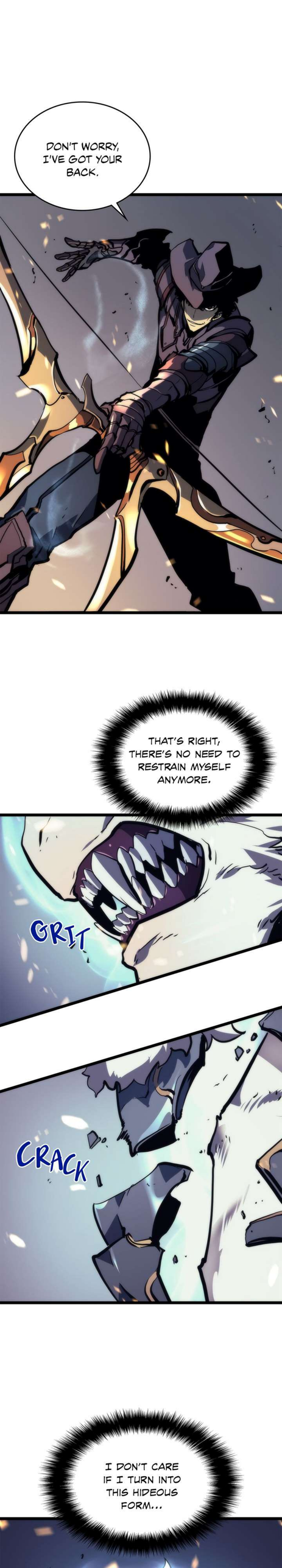
DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S NO NEED TO RESTRAIN MYSELF ANYMORE.
GRIT
CRACK
I DON'T CARE IF I TURN INTO THIS HIDEOUS FORM...

...AS LONG AS I CAN EXTERMINATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE DAMN INSECTS!

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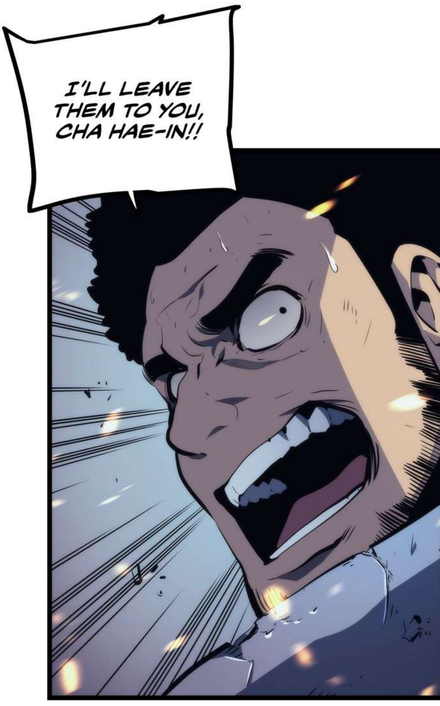
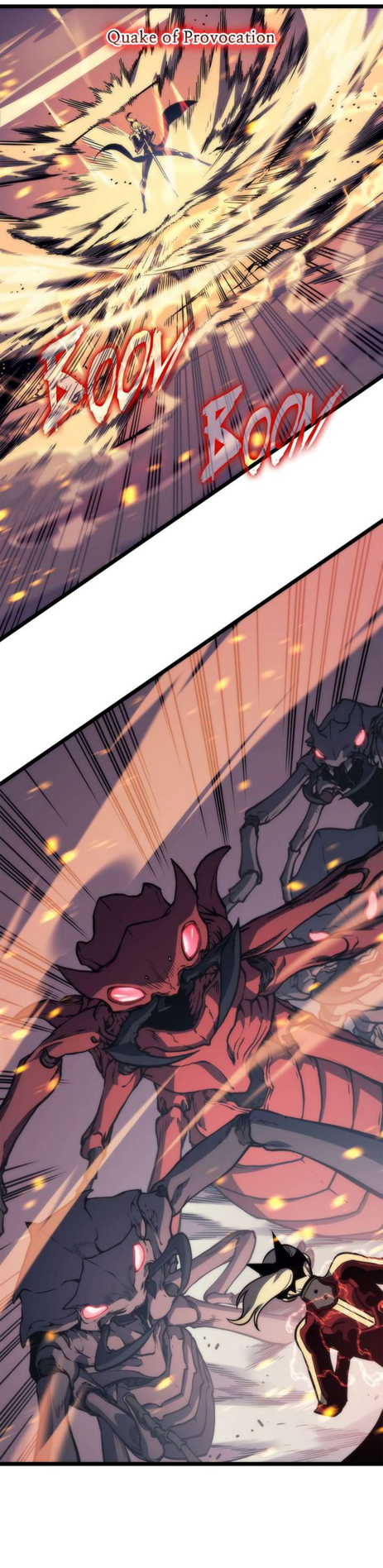
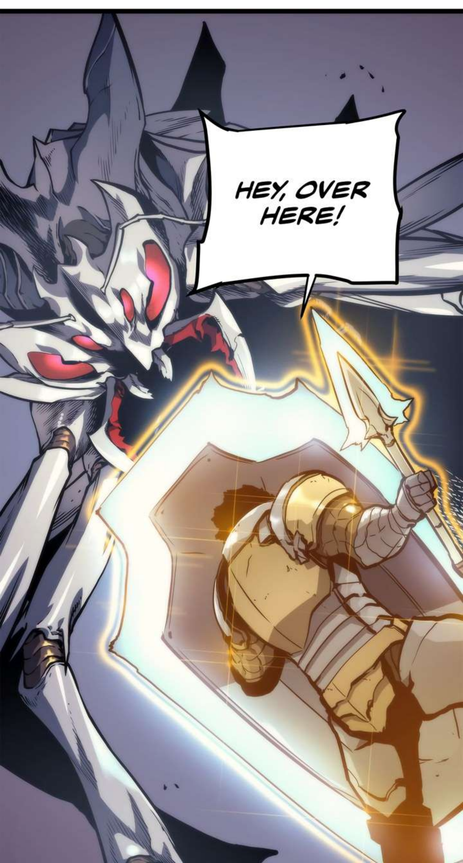
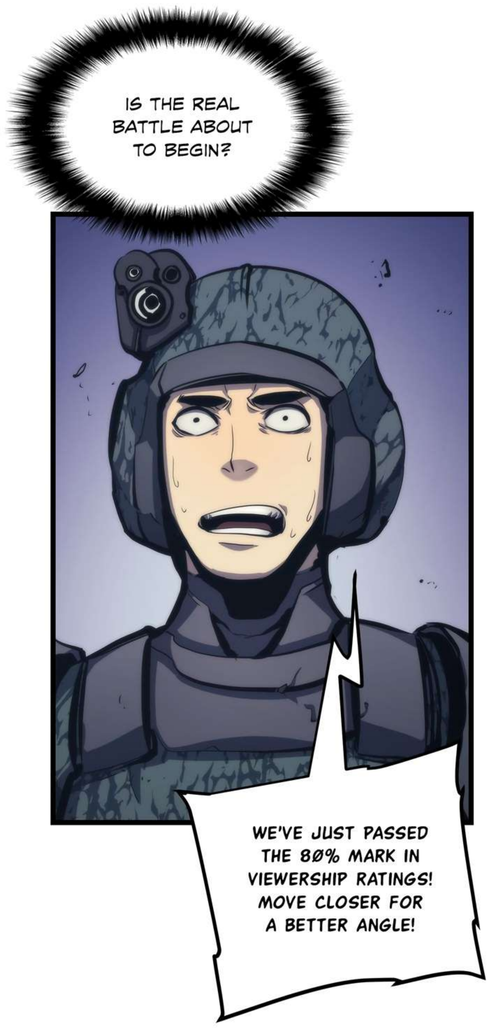



Quake of Provocation
BOOM
BOOM

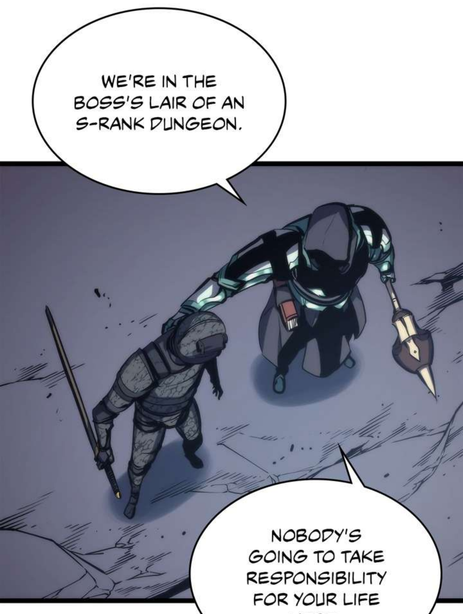
THEIR FORMATION IS BEGINNING TO FALL APART!

I HAVE TO KEEP THE QUEEN TIED DOWN...
...UNTIL ALL OF HER GUARDS HAVE BEEN KILLED.


HEY, OVER HERE!


IS THE REAL BATTLE ABOUT TO BEGIN?
WE'VE JUST PASSED THE 80% MARK IN VIEWERSHIP RATINGS! MOVE CLOSER FOR A BETTER ANGLE!

WHOA, 80%? A LITTLE MORE AND...
GRAB


WE'RE IN THE BOSS'S LAIR OF AN S-RANK DUNGEON.
NOBODY'S GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE HERE.

IF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M GETTING AT, STAY BEHIND ME.
THE REAL FIGHT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY HEALERS AREN'T SKILLED COMBATANTS, BUT IT MUST BE A LIE...!

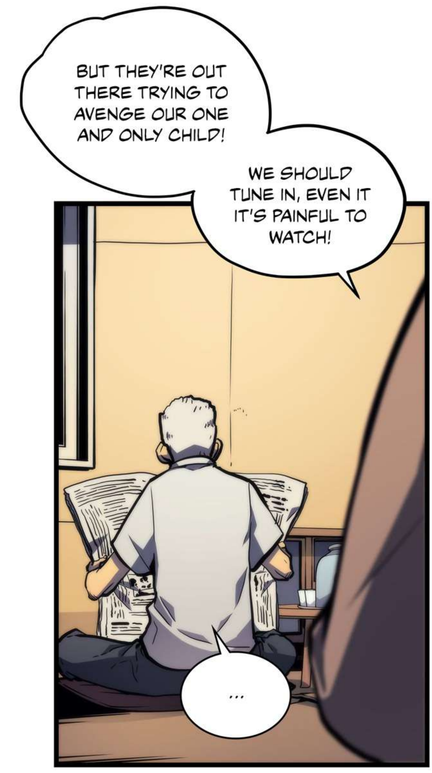
I FEEL LIKE HE'S A MUCH MORE CAPABLE FIGHTER THAN I AM, AND I'M AN A-RANK.

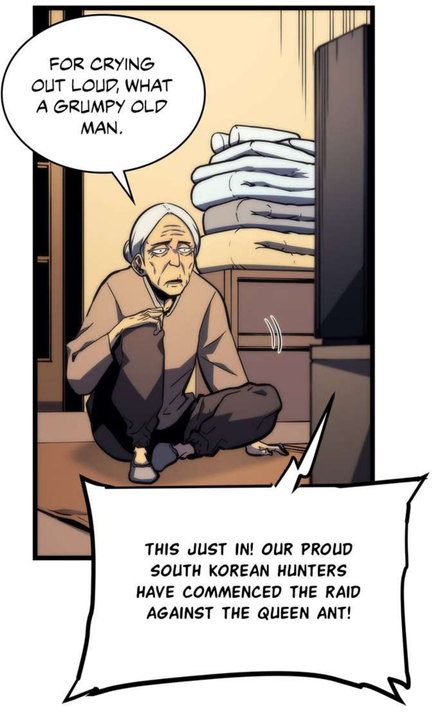
HONEY, THE HUNTERS WILL BE ON TODAY. AREN'T YOU GOING TO WATCH?

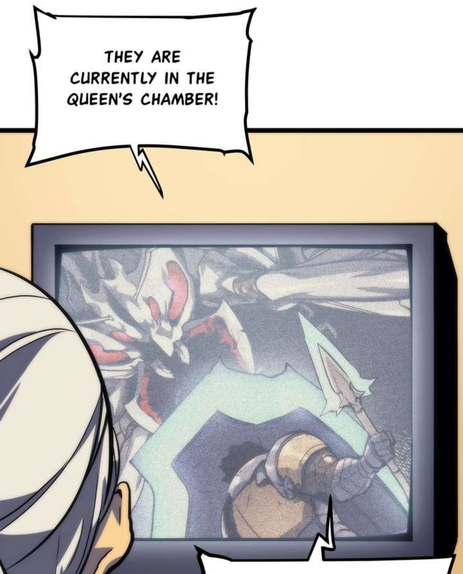
NAH.

COME ON, DON'T BE LIKE THAT... THE REPORTERS ON TV SAID THE HUNTERS WILL BE SURE TO GET THE ANTS FOR GOOD THIS TIME.

OH, THOSE GUYS ARE ALWAYS JUST TALK. I DON'T PAY THEM ANY MIND ANYMORE.


BUT THEY'RE OUT THERE TRYING TO AVENGE OUR ONE AND ONLY CHILD!
WE SHOULD TUNE IN, EVEN IT IT'S PAINFUL TO WATCH!
...


FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, WHAT A GRUMPY OLD MAN.
THIS JUST IN! OUR PROUD SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS HAVE COMMENCED THE RAID AGAINST THE QUEEN ANT!

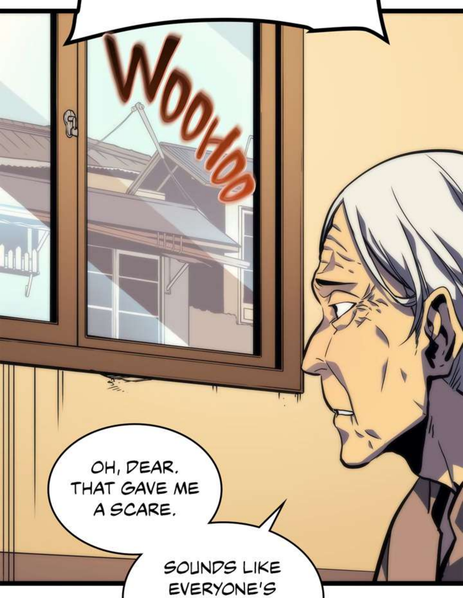

THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER!

THE LARGEST ANT EVER WITNESSED BY MANKIND IS STANDING BEFORE OUR HUNTERS!

MA DONGWOOK IS FENDING IT OFF ON HIS OWN, BUT HE NEEDS BACKUP! THE OTHER HUNTERS MUST FIRST QUICKLY KILL OFF THE GUARDS AND HELP HIM!

UH... UH!

BAEK YOONHO HAS DEFEATED ONE OF THE QUEEN'S GUARDS!



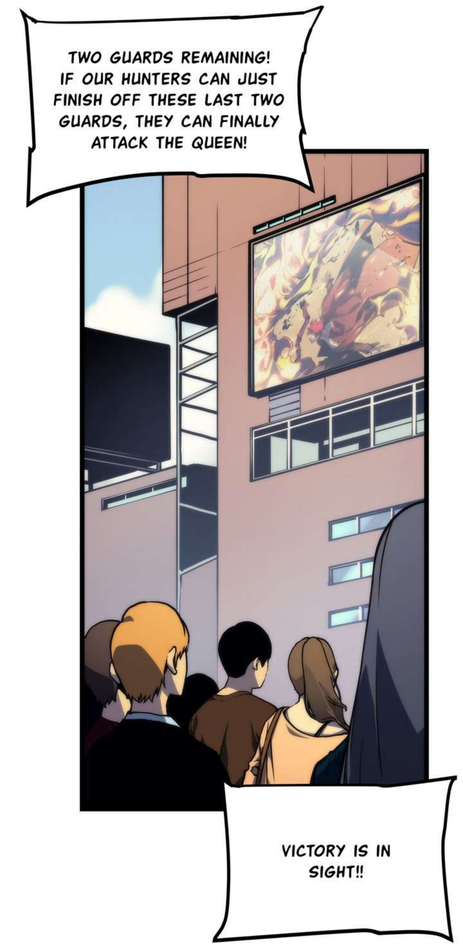
OH, DEAR. THAT GAVE ME A SCARE.

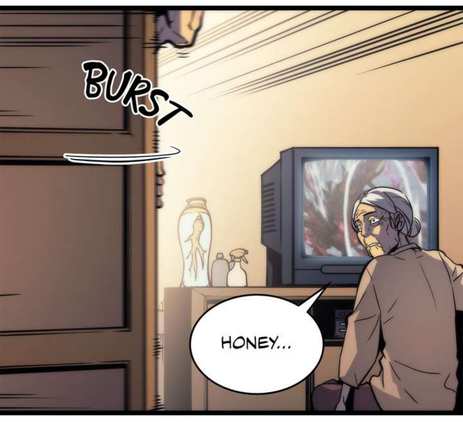
SOUNDS LIKE EVERYONE'S CHEERING THEM ON.

FOUR! THERE ARE NOW ONLY FOUR LEFT!

HALF OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED!

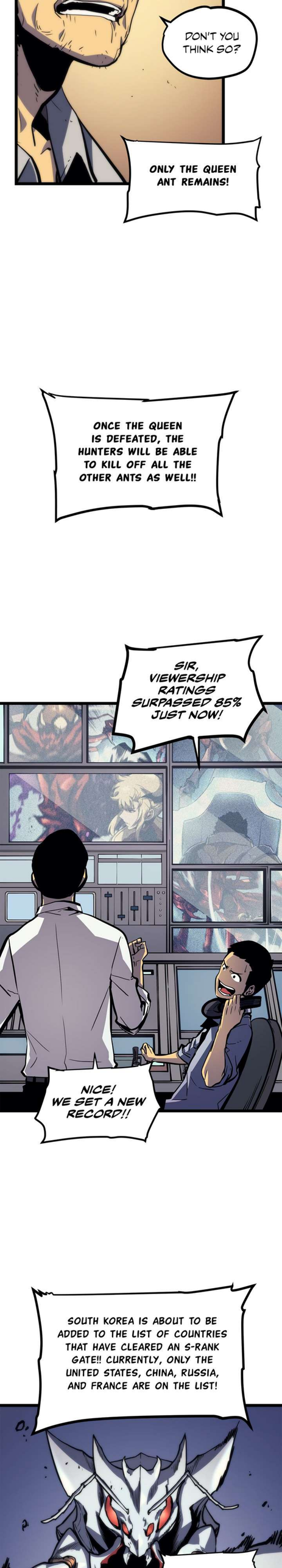
NOW IT'S DOWN
TO THREE!


TWO GUARDS REMAINING! IF OUR HUNTERS CAN JUST FINISH OFF THESE LAST TWO GUARDS, THEY CAN FINALLY ATTACK THE QUEEN!
VICTORY IS IN SIGHT!!


BURST
HONEY...

ALL OF THE POWERFUL GUARDS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED!

THIS IS THEIR FOURTH TIME ALREADY. THEY NEED TO WIN.

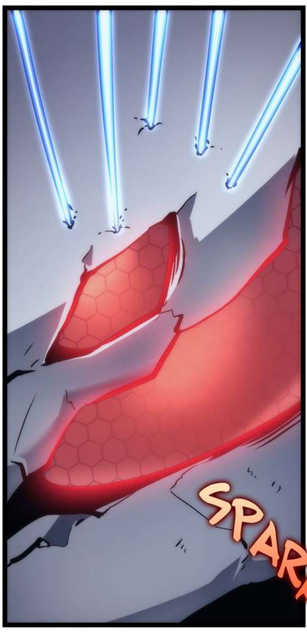

DON'T YOU THINK SO?
ONLY THE QUEEN ANT REMAINS!
ONCE THE QUEEN IS DEFEATED, THE HUNTERS WILL BE ABLE TO KILL OFF ALL THE OTHER ANTS AS WELL!!
SIR, VIEWERSHIP RATINGS SURPASSED 85% JUST NOW!
NICE! WE SET A NEW RECORD!!
SOUTH KOREA IS ABOUT TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE CLEARED AN S-RANK GATE!! CURRENTLY, ONLY THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, RUSSIA, AND FRANCE ARE ON THE LIST!

CLOSE IN ON HER!

SWISH
FWIP
WHISH
SWISH

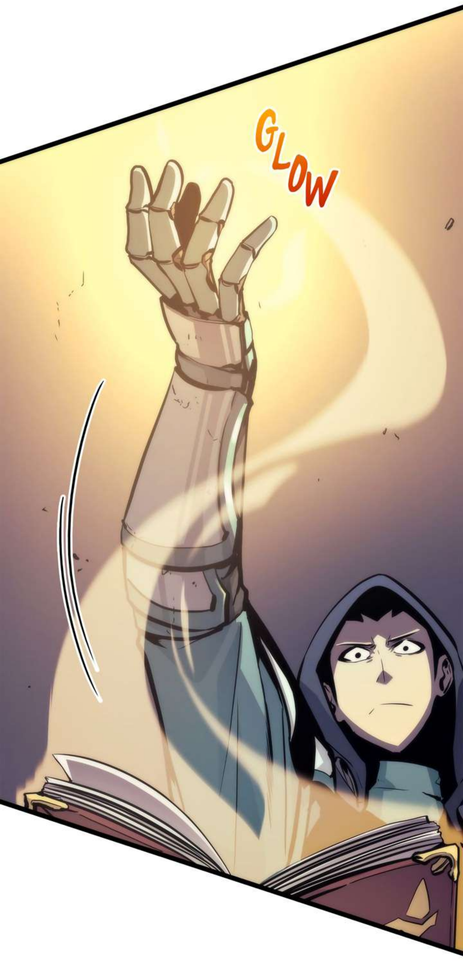
KEEEEGH!!
DON'T BE AFRAID, A QUEEN WITHOUT HER GUARDS IS NOTHING BUT A SCARECROW!

SLASH


SPARK

SHWAAAA

AAAAARGH!!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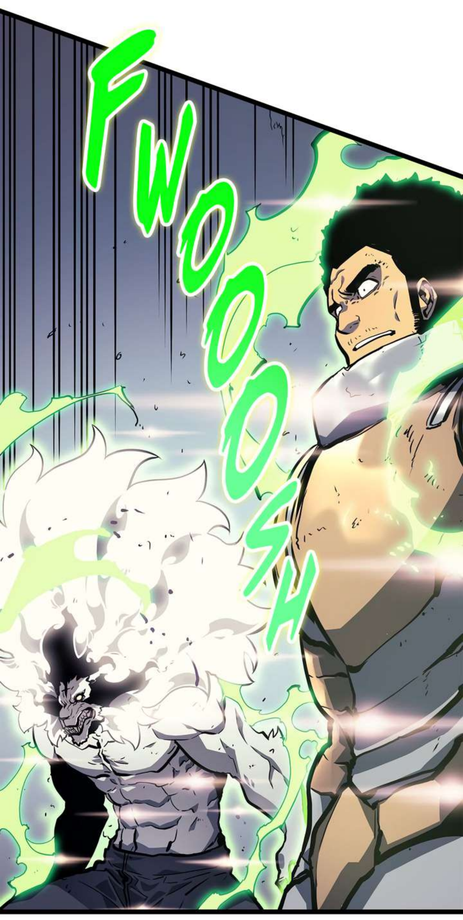
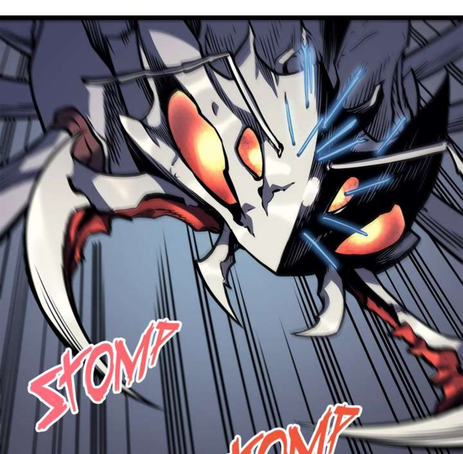

FWOOOOSH

YOU SHOULD'VE AIMED FOR ME.

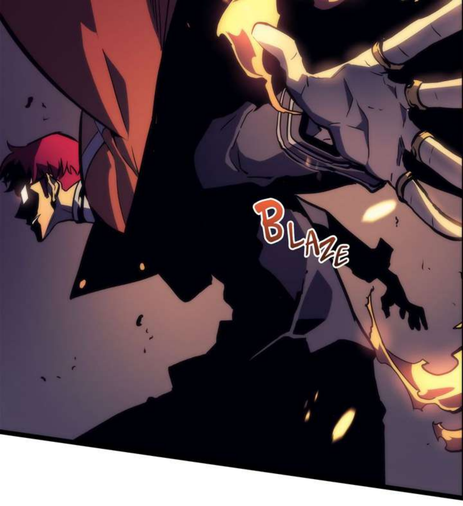

STOMP

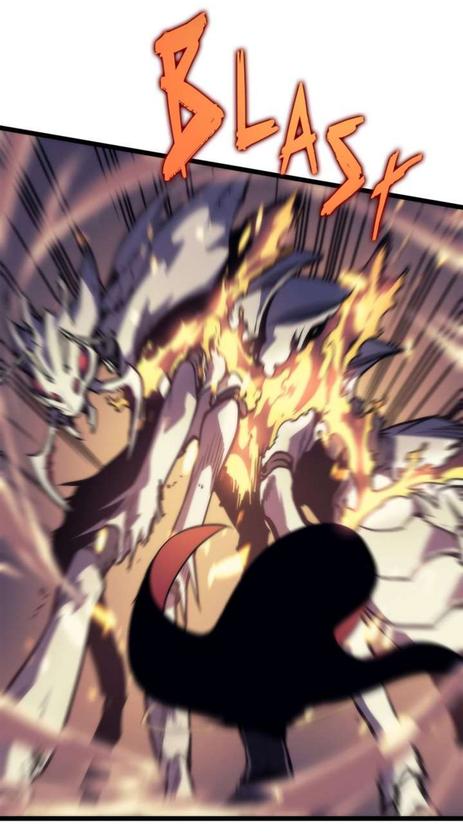
STOM

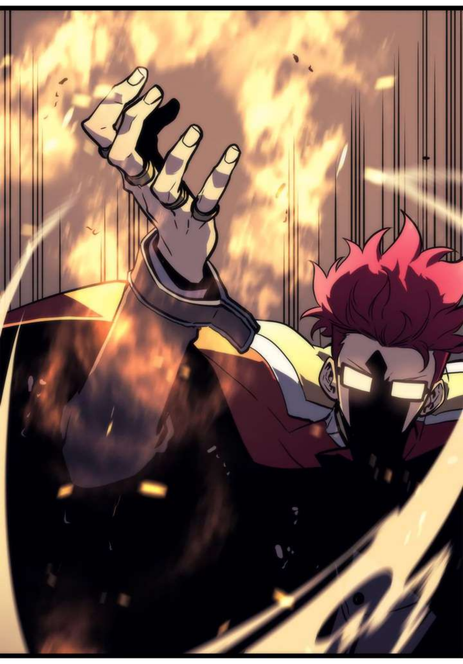
SLAM

I WON'T LET YOU ATTACK OUR HEALER SO EASILY!

STAND BACK, EVERYONE!


BLAZE

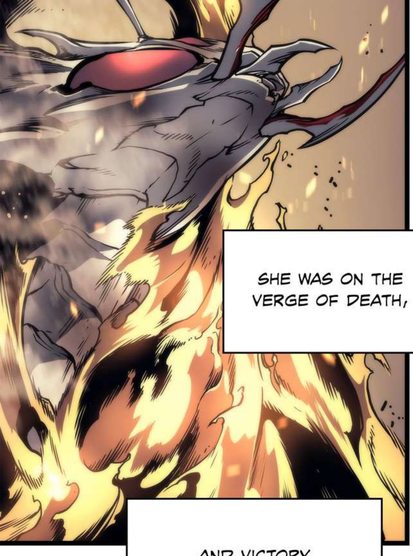

BLAST



KA
BOOM

THE QUEEN IS DONE FOR.
I COULD TELL FROM MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

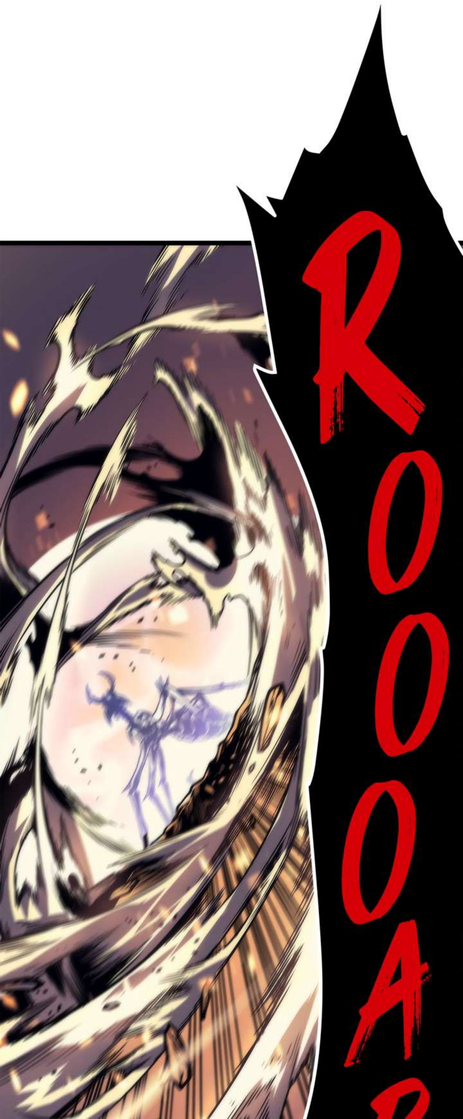
KEGH!



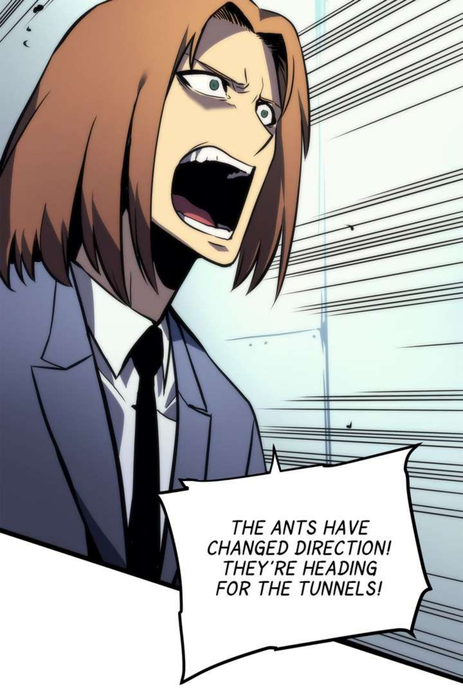
SHE WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH,

AND VICTORY SEEMED WITHIN REACH.

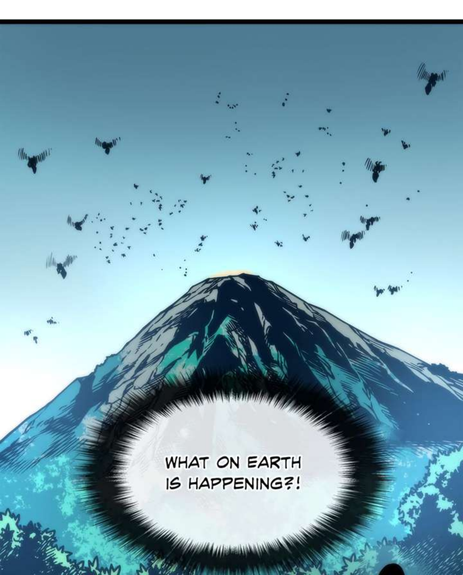
BUT THEN...

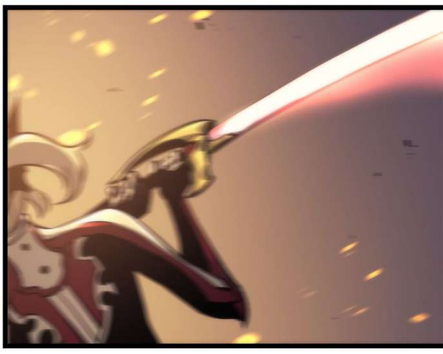


WHAT WAS THAT?
WHOOSH
A ROAR? A DEATH CRY?
NO, I FEEL LIKE IT'S SOMETHING ELSE.
IT'S LIKE SHE'S CALLING FOR SOMEONE...
MR. GOTO, THE ANTS...!


THE ANTS HAVE CHANGED DIRECTION! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE TUNNELS!

THE JAMMING SIGNALS AREN'T WORKING!!
WHAT?!


WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?!



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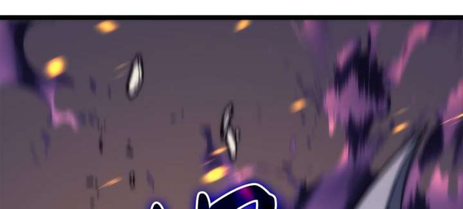
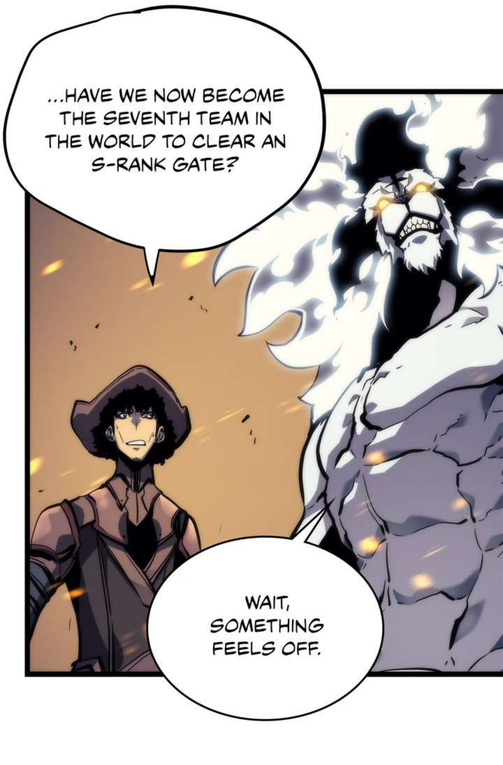
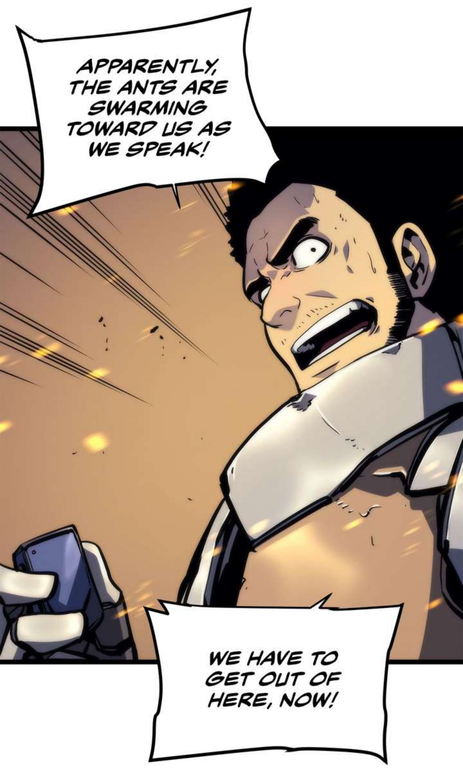
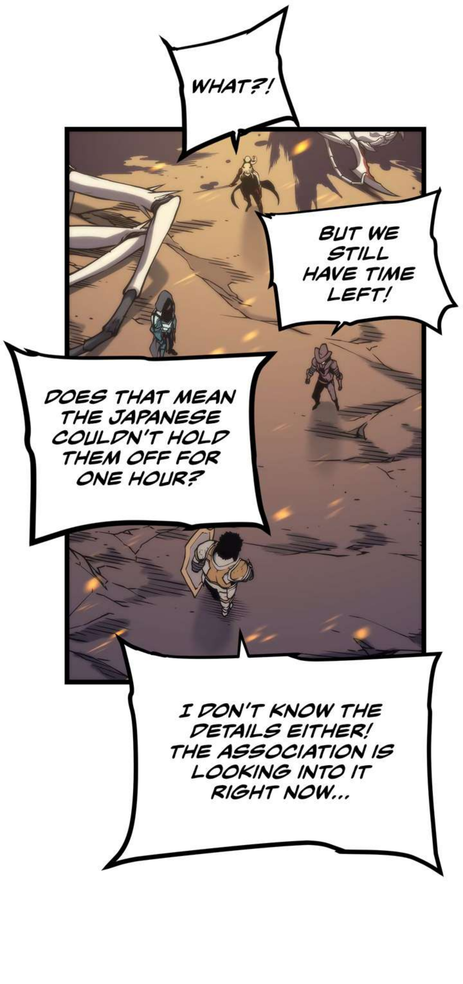


THUD

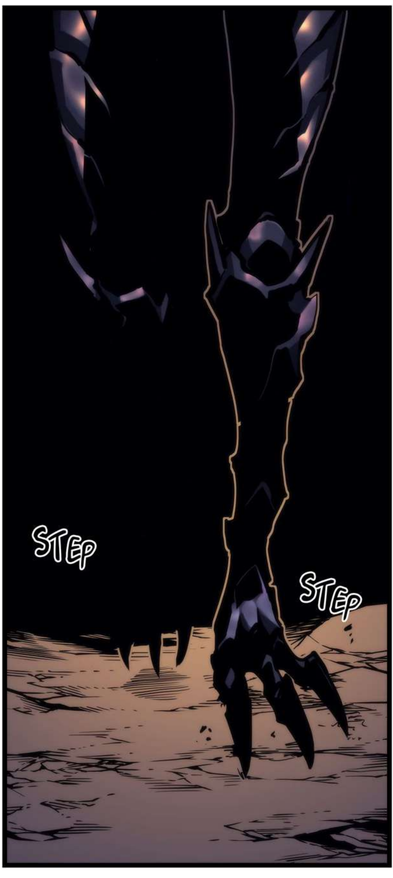
IT'S...
...OVER, RIGHT?


...HAVE WE NOW BECOME THE SEVENTH TEAM IN THE WORLD TO CLEAR AN S-RANK GATE?
WAIT, SOMETHING FEELS OFF.

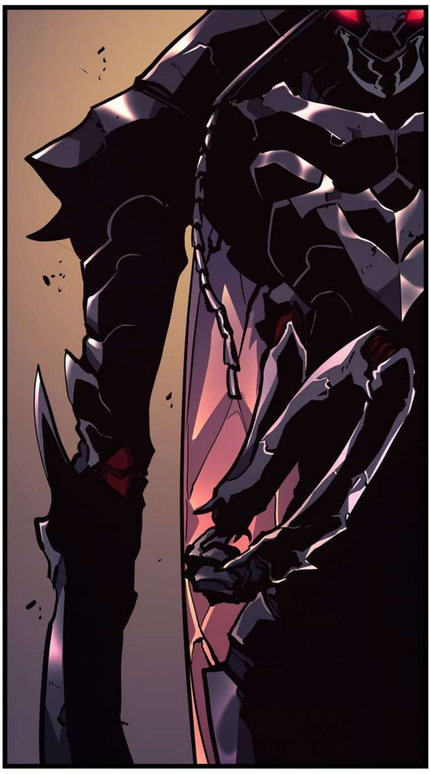

APPARENTLY, THE ANTS ARE SWARMING TOWARD US AS WE SPEAK!
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!


WHAT?!
BUT WE STILL HAVE TIME LEFT!
DOES THAT MEAN THE JAPANESE COULDN'T HOLD THEM OFF FOR ONE HOUR?
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS EITHER! THE ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING INTO IT RIGHT NOW...

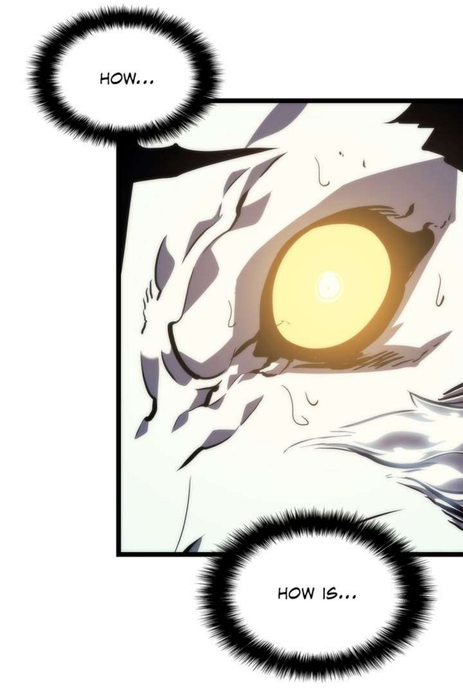
THE FLAME PRISON I CAST OVER THE ENTRANCE...
...HAS BEEN DESTROYED?


STEP
STEP

TH, THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE...



ROOOAR



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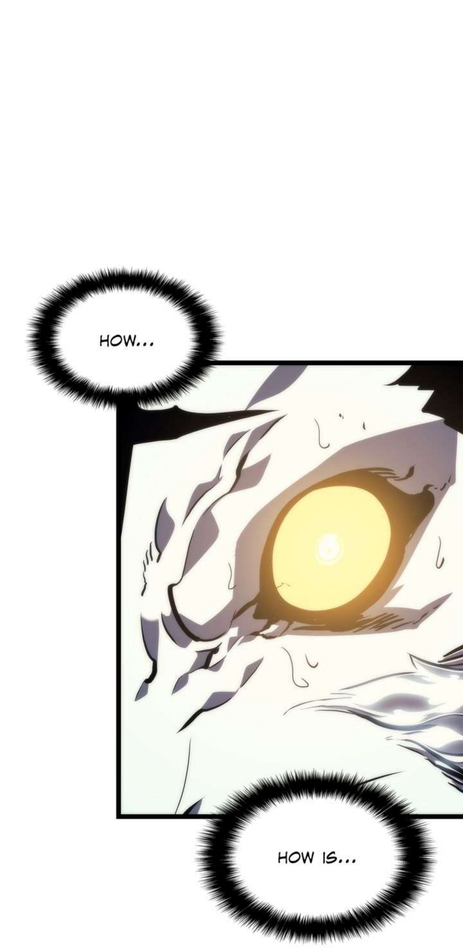

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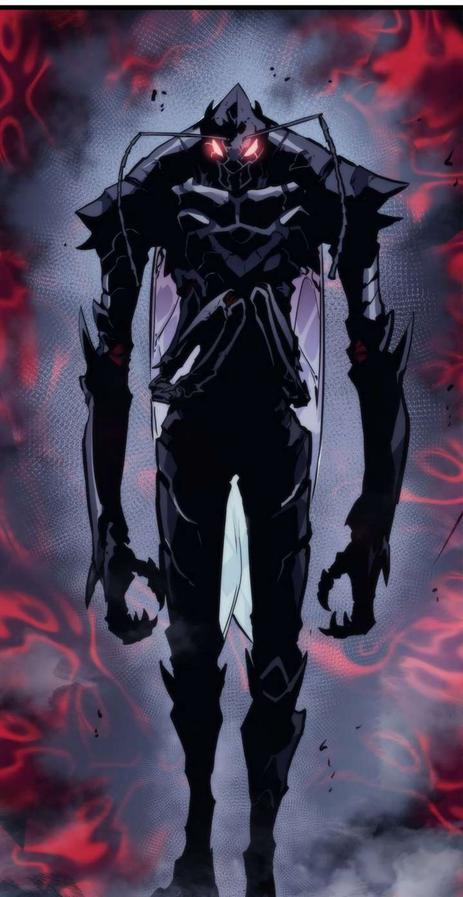
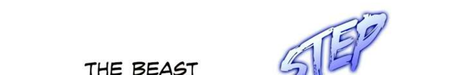


SUCH A MENACING ENERGY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

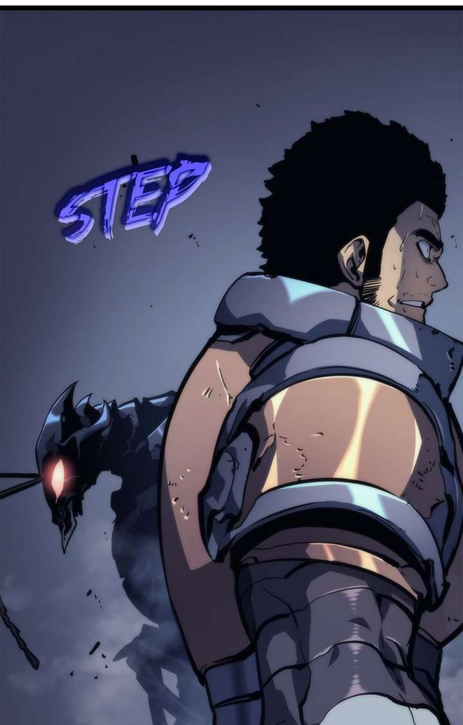
THAT THING IS... NO ORDINARY BEAST!
STEP
STEP

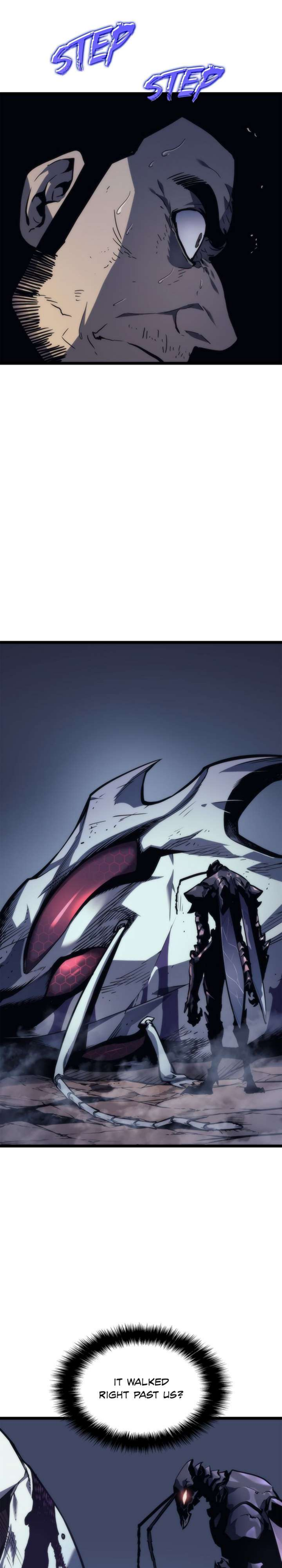

THE BEAST
STEP

HAD SUDDENLY APPEARED BEFORE US,

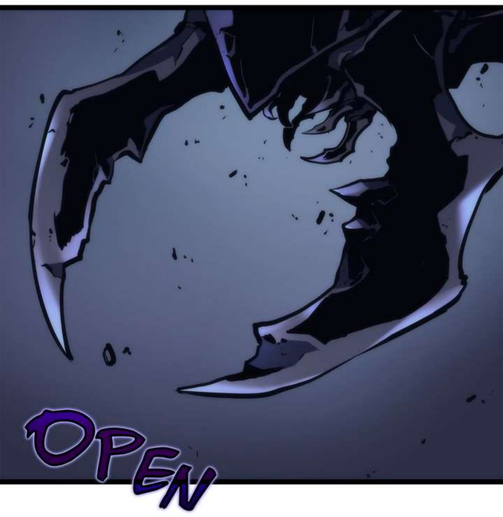
AND THE VERY SOUND OF ITS FOOTSTEPS SENT SHIVERS DOWN OUR SPINES.

STEP




STEP
STEP
IT WALKED
RIGHT PAST US?

BADUM
BADUM
BADUM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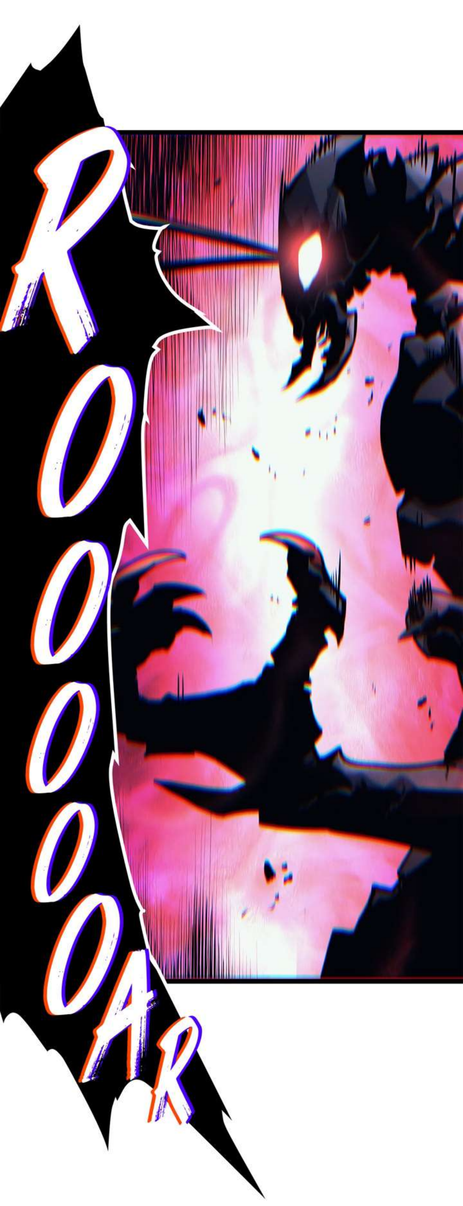
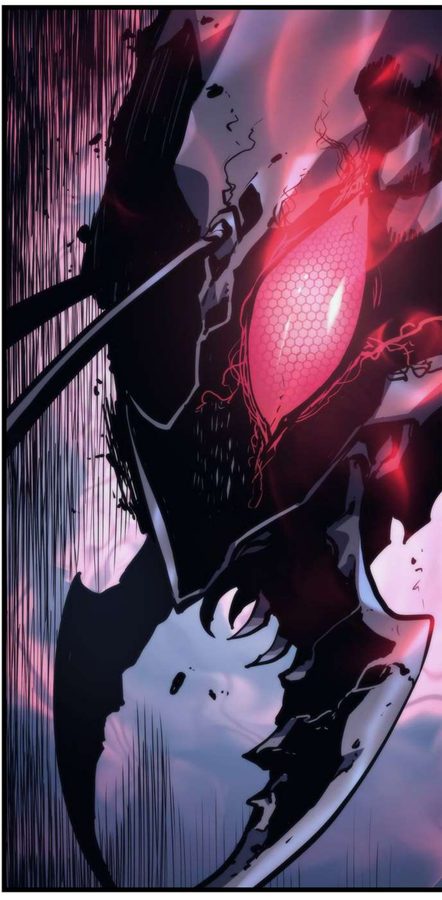
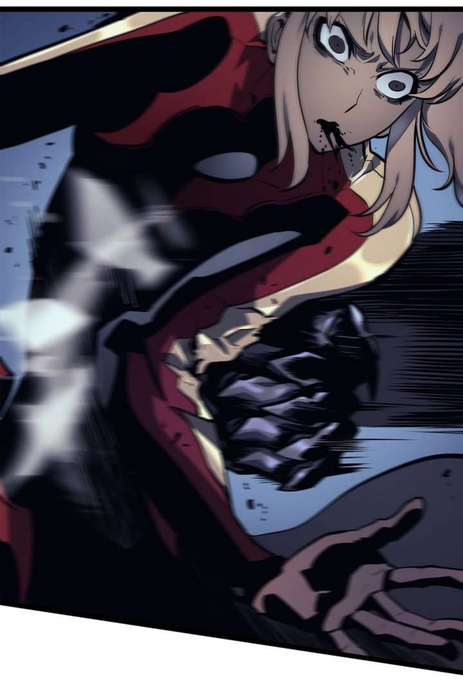

ROOOOOAR

THUD
FLOP
FLOP



UGH...
MMPH.



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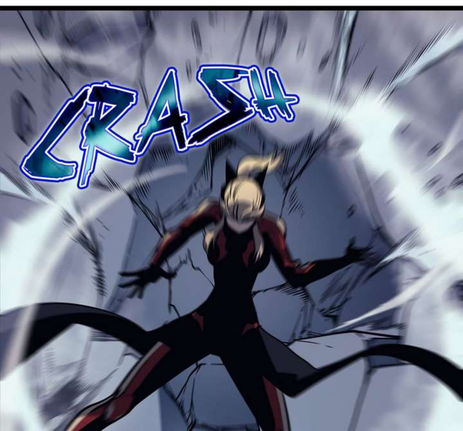
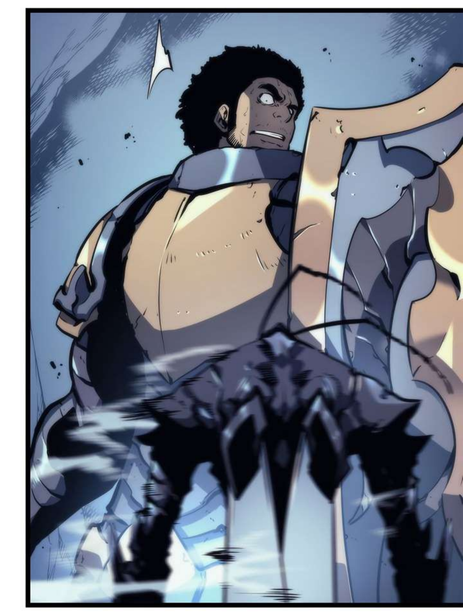

CRASH

CHA HAE...



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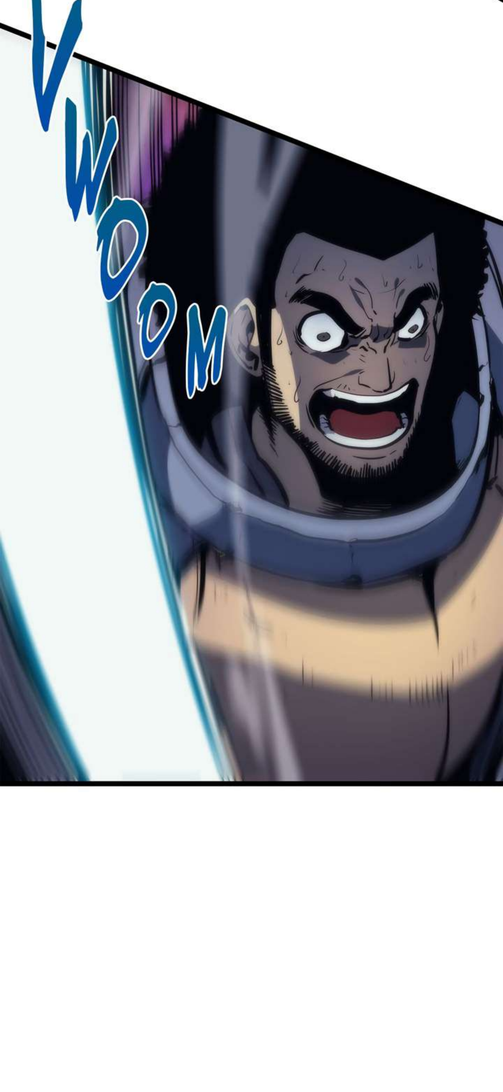
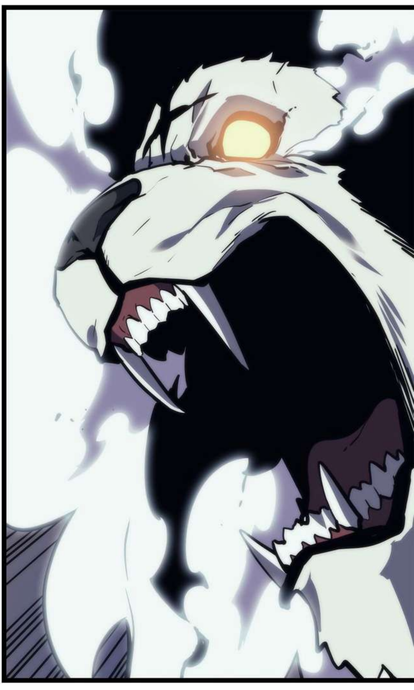

WOOM

GRIP

SNAP

SPLATTER



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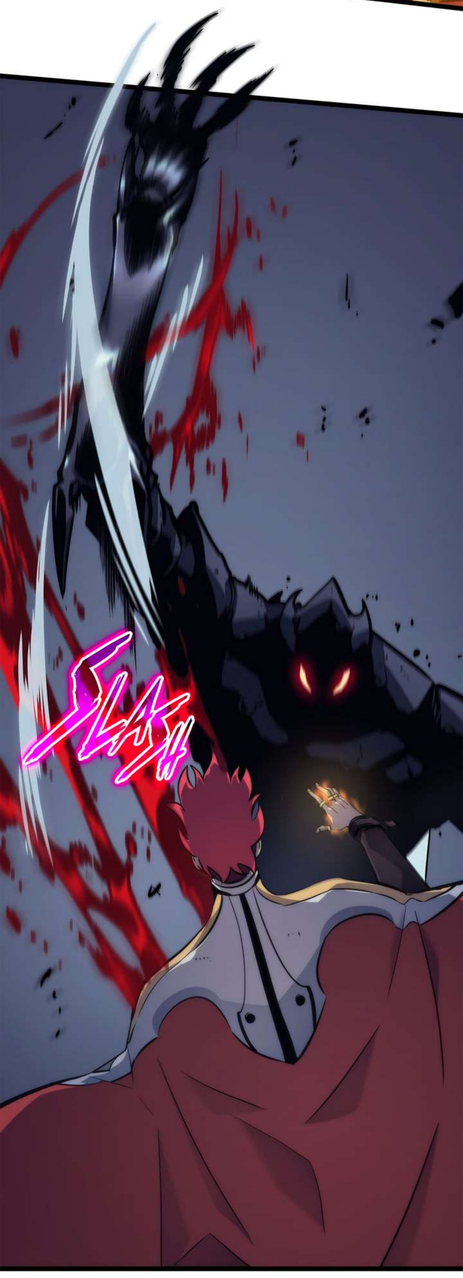
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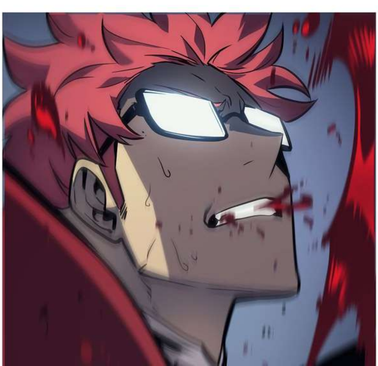
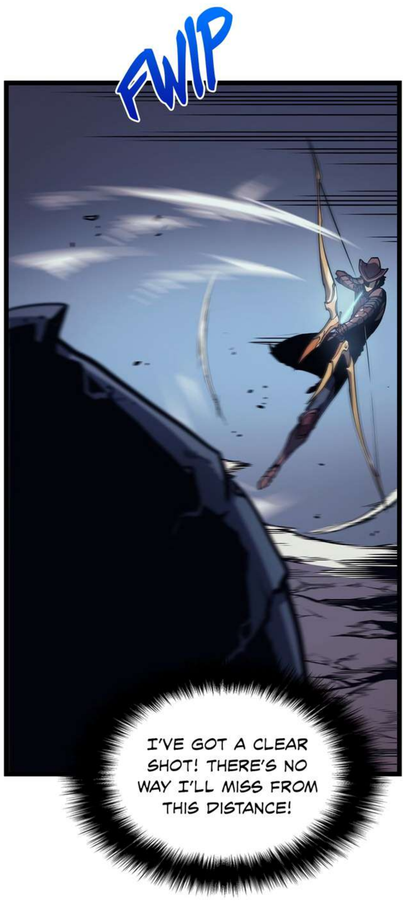
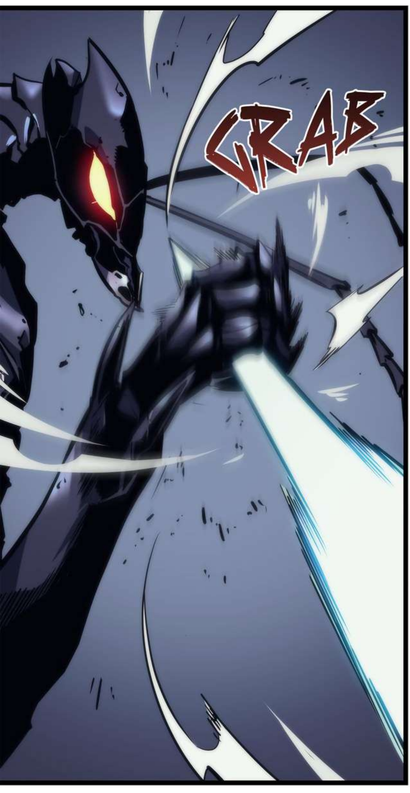



FWIP
I'VE GOT A CLEAR SHOT! THERE'S NO WAY I'LL MISS FROM THIS DISTANCE!

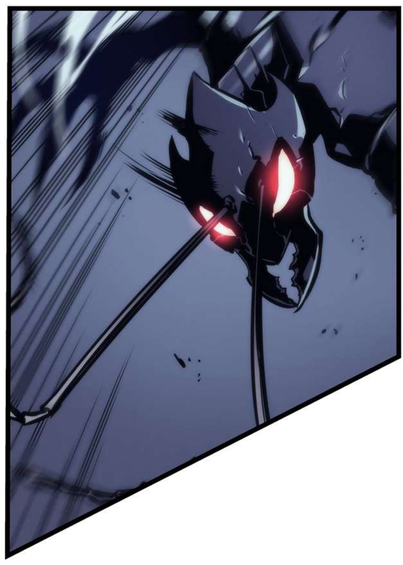
BOOM


GRAB

IT... BLOCKED MY ATTACK?

SHATTER

POW



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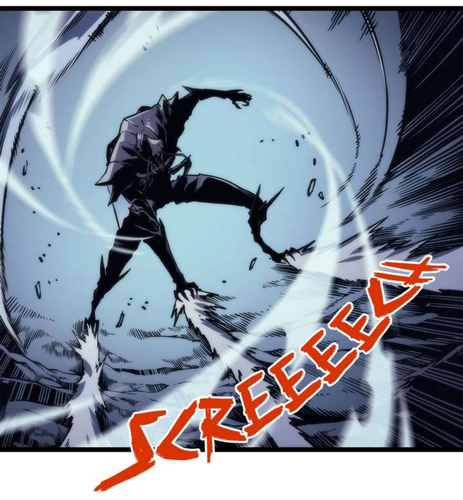
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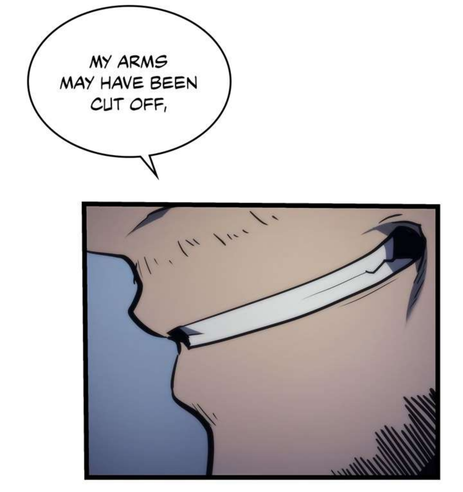
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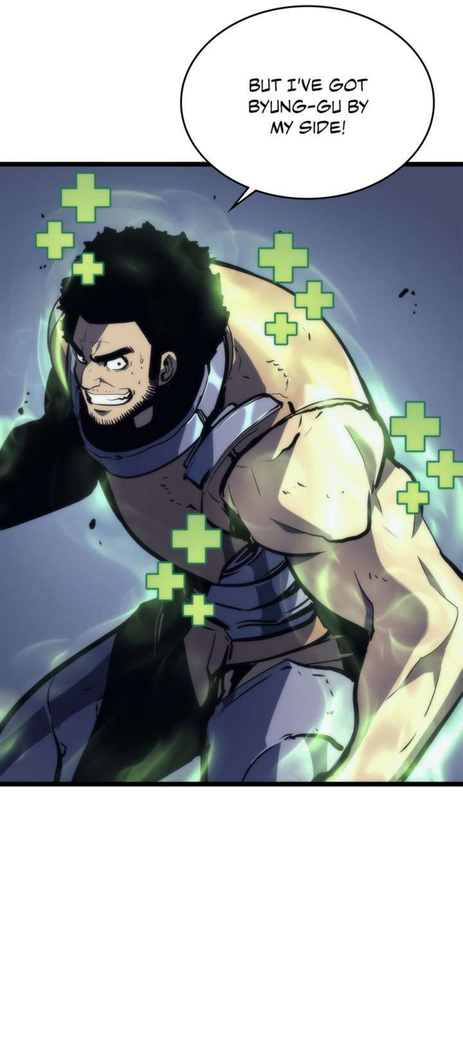
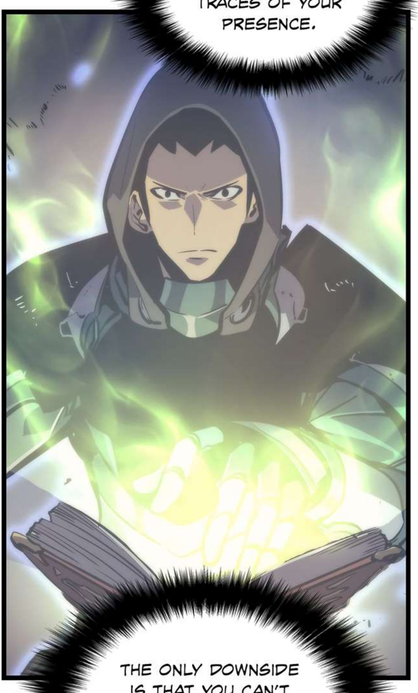

BUT I'VE GOT BYUNG-GU BY MY SIDE!

"DISGUISE" IS A SELF-DEFENSE SKILL.

JUST LIKE CAMOUFLAGE, IT CONCEALS ALL TRACES OF YOUR PRESENCE.

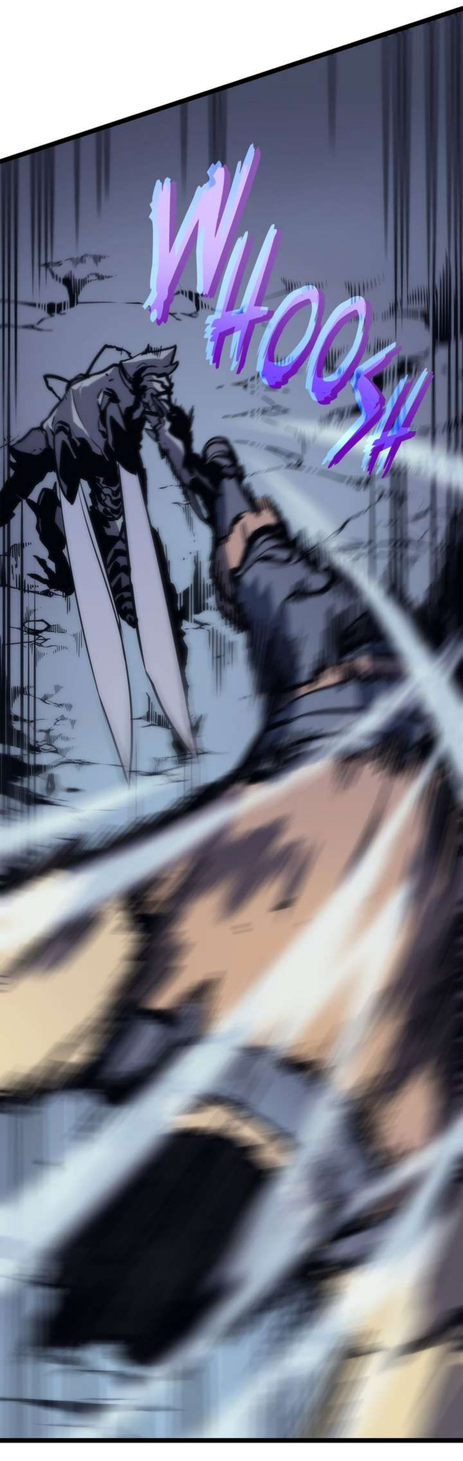


THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS THAT YOU CAN'T MOVE, BUT IT'S STILL A HANDY SKILL TO HAVE AS A HEALER.

EVEN IF THAT BEAST WANTS TO GET RID OF ME, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO LOCATE ME!

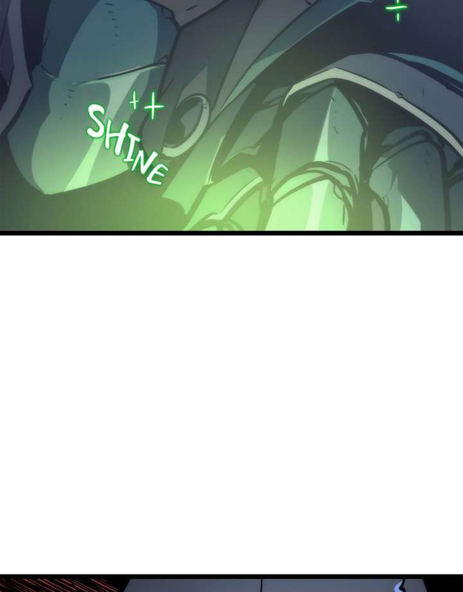
AND AS LONG AS MY TEAMMATES HAVE MY HEALS, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM EASILY!

GRAB


WHOOSH

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

GLOW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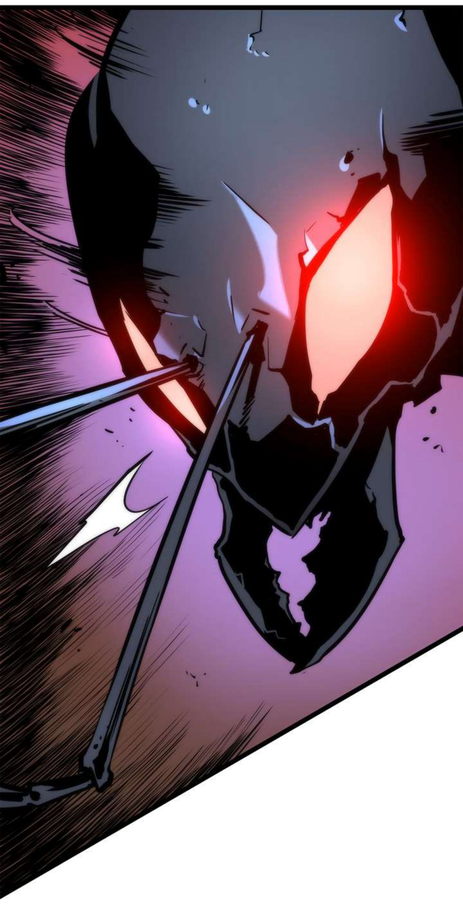
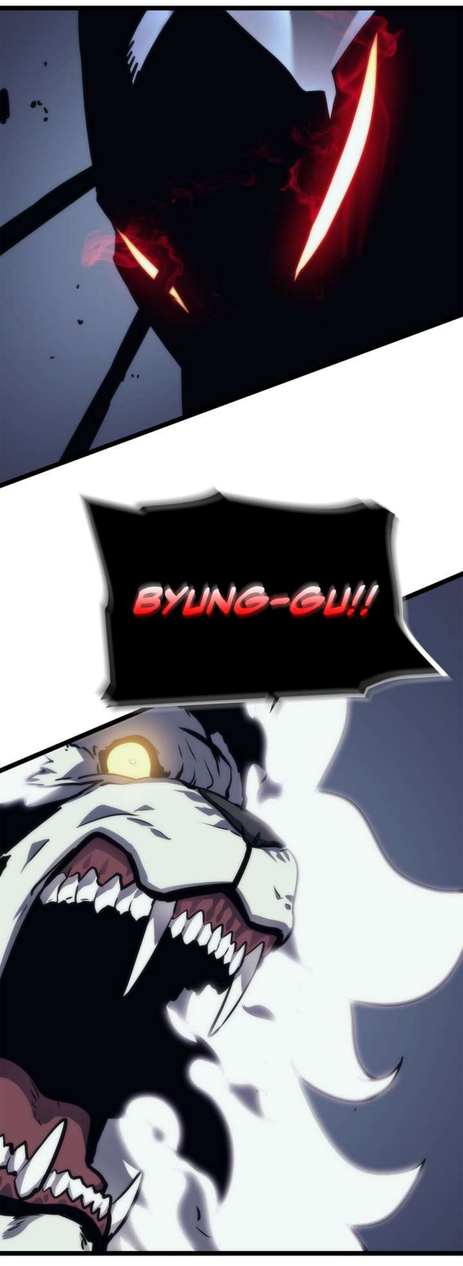


BUT
MY DISGUISE
SKILL IS STILL IN
EFFECT...

THERE'S NO
WAY IT KNOWS
WHERE I AM!!



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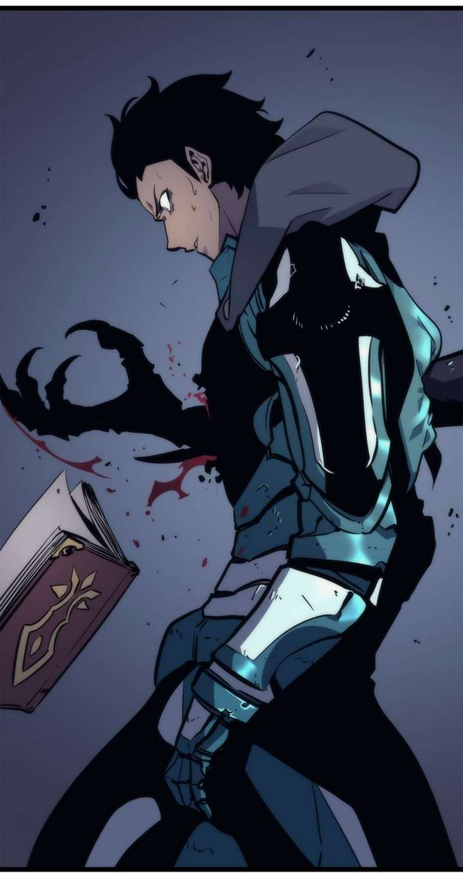

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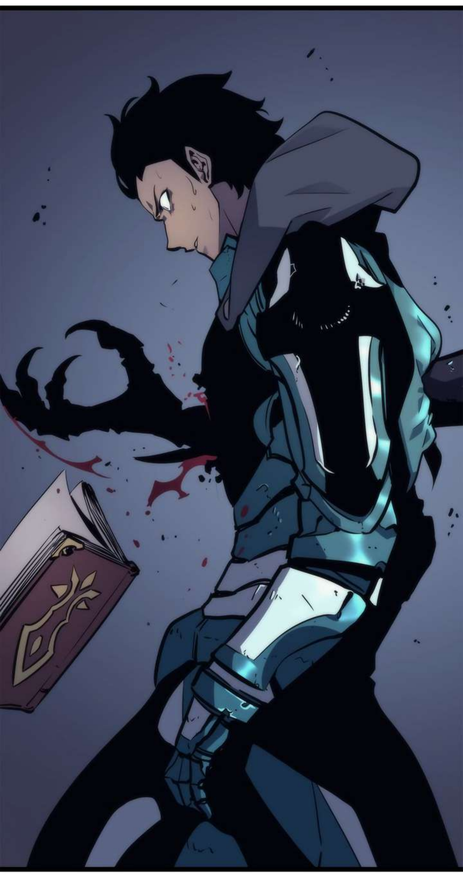

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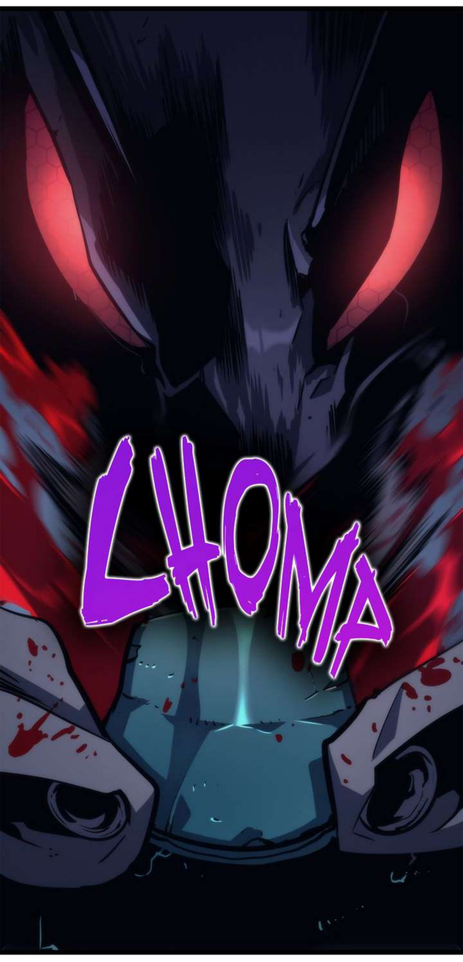
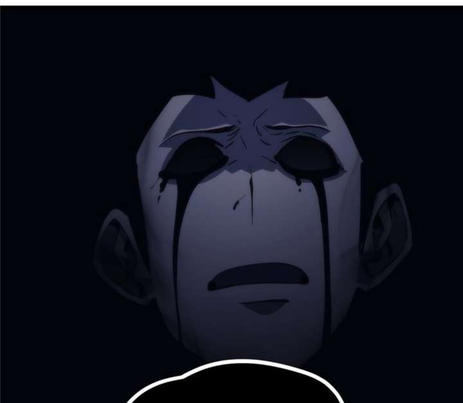

LHOMA

CHOMP
CHOMP

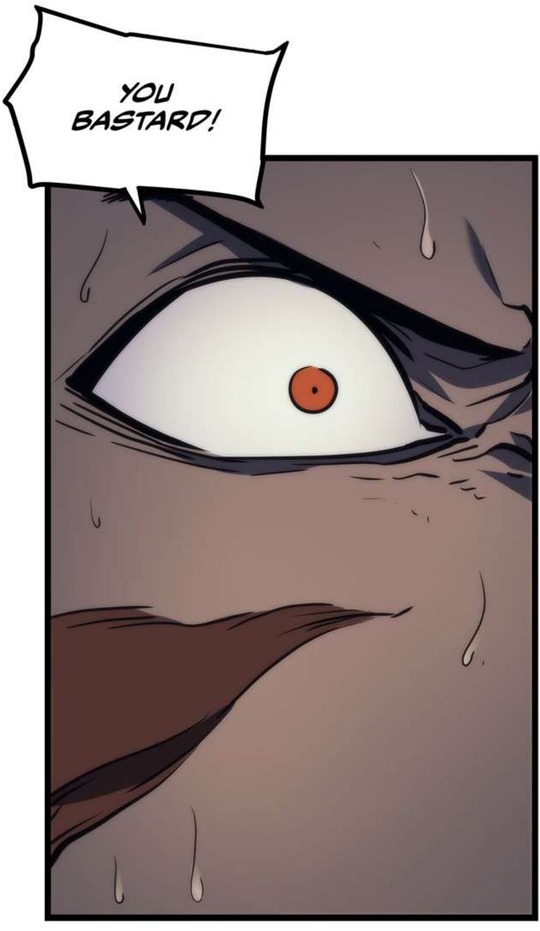
AAAAARGH!!
LEAP

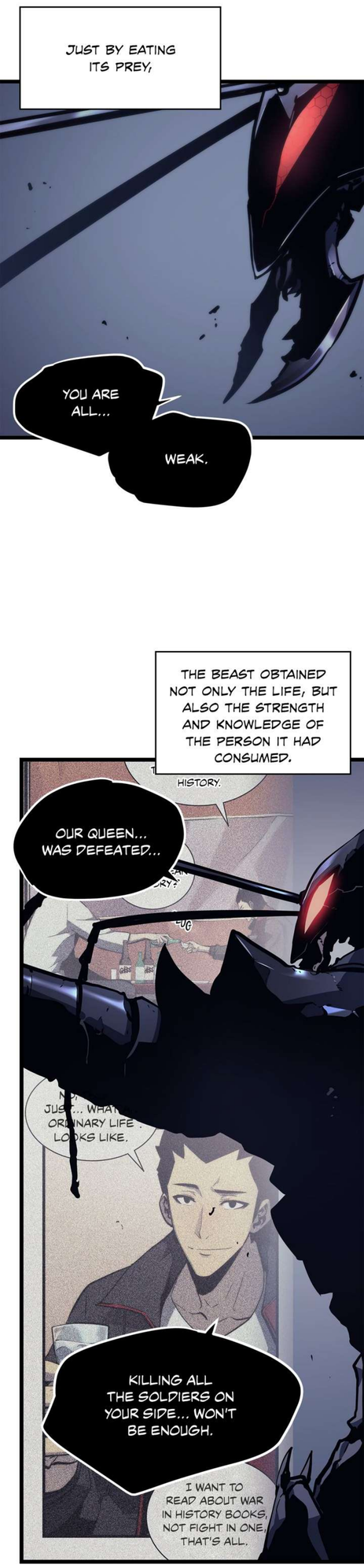
GRAB

YOONHO...
RUN.



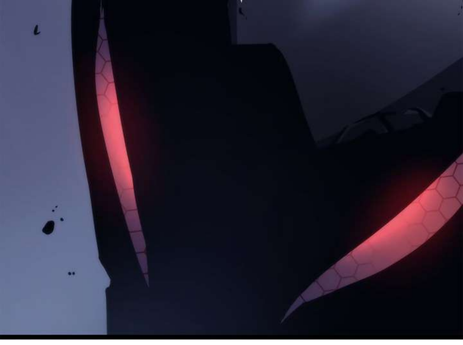
RUN AWAY...
YOONHO.


YOU
BASTARD!


JUST BY EATING ITS PREY,
YOU ARE ALL...
WEAK.

THE BEAST OBTAINED NOT ONLY THE LIFE, BUT ALSO THE STRENGTH AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERSON IT HAD CONSUMED.
HISTORY.
OUR QUEEN... WAS DEFEATED...
JUST... WHAT ORDINARY LIFE LOOKS LIKE.
KILLING ALL THE SOLDIERS ON YOUR SIDE... WON'T BE ENOUGH.
I WANT TO READ ABOUT WAR IN HISTORY BOOKS, NOT FIGHT IN ONE, THAT'S ALL.

WHO IS YOUR KING?

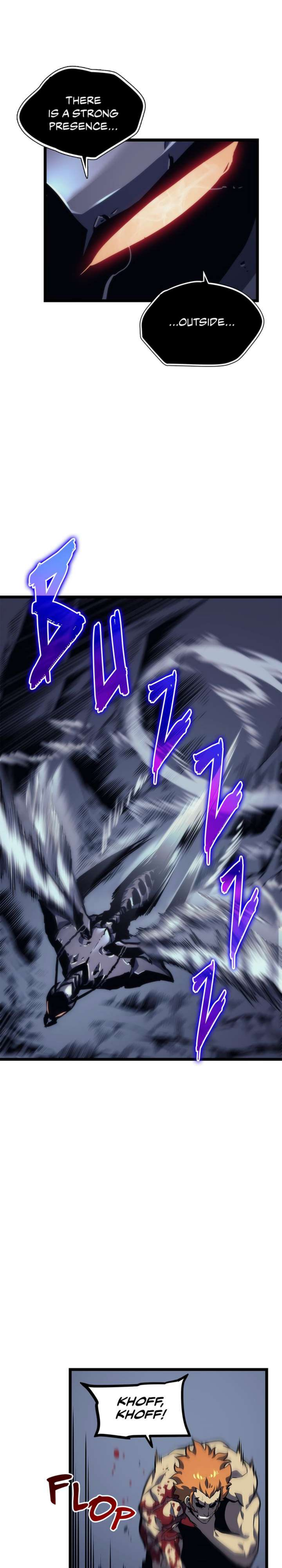


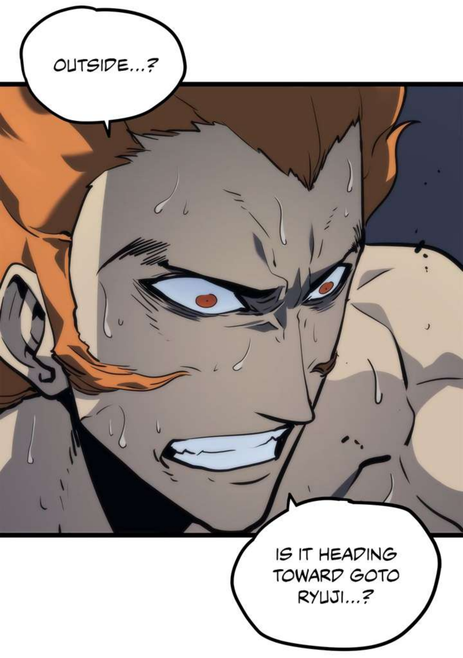
KING...?

MMPH...

FLINCH

OUTSIDE...
GLANCE


THERE IS A STRONG PRESENCE...
...OUTSIDE...
BUZZZZZ
KHOFF, KHOFF!
FLOP


OUTSIDE...?

IS IT HEADING TOWARD GOTO RYUJI...?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE SITTING AROUND LIKE THIS.
TREMBLE
WOBBLE

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT COMES BACK...!

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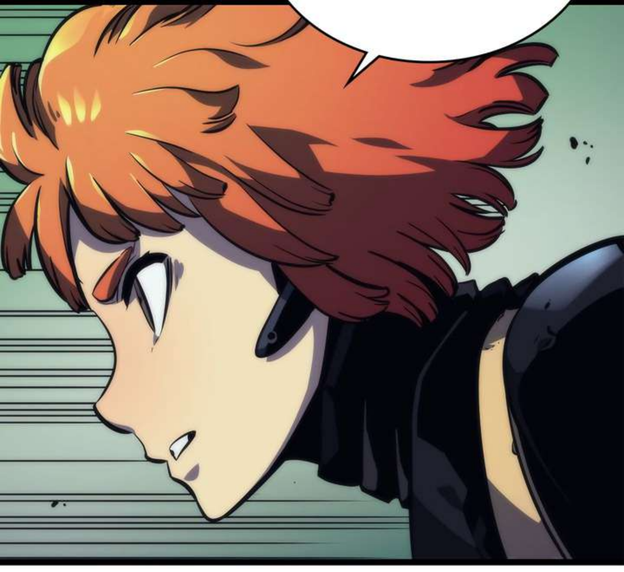
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

WE LOST CONTACT WITH TEAM CHARLIE, AND NOW WE CAN'T GET IN TOUCH TEAM DELTA EITHER.



MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SIGNALS. EVEN SO, WE SHOULD STILL BE WITHIN RANGE.
TEAM BRAVO, RESPOND, OVER.

BRAVO HERE, ALIVE AND WELL, OVER.
HAVE YOU LOST CONTACT WITH CHARLIE AND DELTA AS WELL?
AFFIRMATIVE. WE'VE ONLY RECEIVED WORD FROM TEAM ALPHA.
DO YOU WANT US TO GO CHECK ON THEM?
WE'RE ALREADY ON IT. FINISH UP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND WAIT FOR US AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.
ROGER THAT.
BEEP BEEP

DID YOU FORGET TO REPORT SOMETHING?

GOTO, IT'S ME.

...HELLO, MR. MATSUMOTO.

THE SEAS NEAR CHINA

LOOKS LIKE SOUTH KOREA HAS TAKEN ON A DARING MISSION.*

*The speakers are talking in Chinese.

STILL, I HIGHLY DOUBT THE ANTS WILL COME FLYING ALL THE WAY OVER HERE TO CHINA.

HMPH, THE JAPANESE ARE EAGERLY HELPING THE SOUTH KOREANS. THAT MUST MEAN GOTO RYUJI IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO BECOME A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER.

I THINK SO, TOO, SINCE ALL NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS HAVE CLEARED AN S-RANK GATE BEFORE.

DESPITE HIS IMPRESSIVE RECORD, GOTO RYUJI HAS YET TO CLEAR ONE.

I WONDER.

SIR...?

OH, NOTHING.
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE...
THE PERFECT EXCUSE.

HMM...

ANYWAY,
GRAB

GOTO RYUJI'S
STILL GOT A LONG
WAY TO GO.

YOU THINK SO, CAPTAIN?

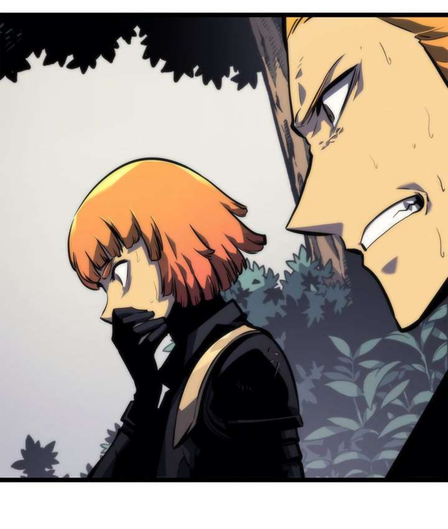
IF YOU EVER GET THE CHANCE TO SEE LIU ZHIGANG IN ACTION, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

ALL IT TOOK WAS A SINGLE ENCOUNTER FOR YOU TO BECOME A FAN OF LIU ZHIGANG, HUH?

PRETTY MUCH.

IN ANY CASE, I FEEL LIKE THIS RAID WILL SPELL DOOM FOR ONE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

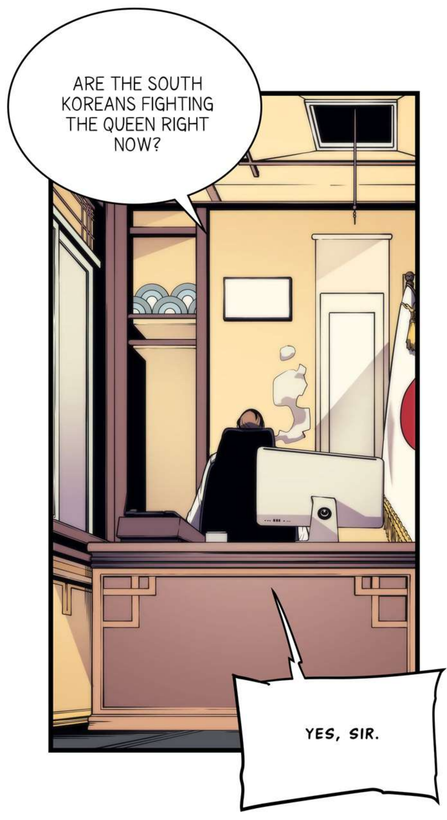
GOTO?
GOTO! RESPOND!



DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...SOME OF OUR HUNTERS WERE JUST FOUND DEAD.

IT SEEMS WE'VE SUFFERED UNNECESSARY LOSSES... DIDN'T WE PURPOSEFULLY CHOOSE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MUTANT ANTS TO AVOID A SITUATION LIKE THIS?
THAT IS CORRECT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, SIR. IT JUST MEANS THESE HUNTERS WERE WEAK.
COLD AND HARSH, AS ALWAYS. WELL... AS LONG AS WE HAVE YOU, LOSING A COUPLE OF OTHERS ISN'T A BIG DEAL.
INDEED.


ARE THE SOUTH KOREANS FIGHTING THE QUEEN RIGHT NOW?
YES, SIR.

A FEW MOMENTS AGO, THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE JAMMING SIGNALS, SO ALL OF THE ANTS ARE NOW HEADED TOWARD THE QUEEN'S LOCATION.
I'M CONCERNED THERE MAY BE ANOTHER TURN OF EVENTS. BUT AS OF NOW, THINGS SEEM TO BE UNDER CONTROL.
DO YOU THINK THE SOUTH KOREAN TEAM WILL MAKE IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE? WHAT ARE THEIR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL?

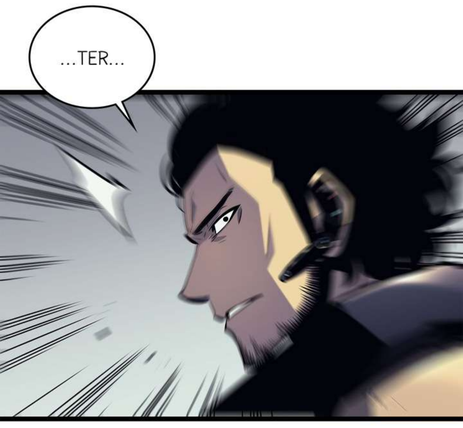
BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS, THEIR CURRENT RAID TEAM HAS...

...A ZERO PERCENT CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.

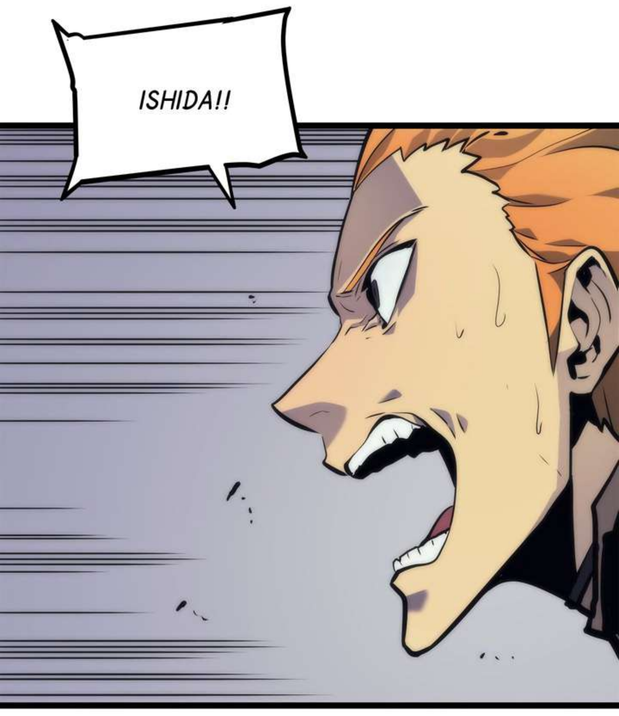
GOOD... "THE JAPANESE HUNTERS TRIED THEIR BEST TO HELP MAKE THE JEJU ISLAND RAID A SUCCESS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE FORCED TO RETREAT WHEN ALL THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS WERE DEFEATED."
"GOTO'S ATTEMPT TO BECOME A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER WAS TRAGICALLY FOILED." THE PRESS

IS GOING TO EAT THIS UP.

LET'S COME BACK FOR THE BODIES LA...


...TER...

CLANK
SLASH!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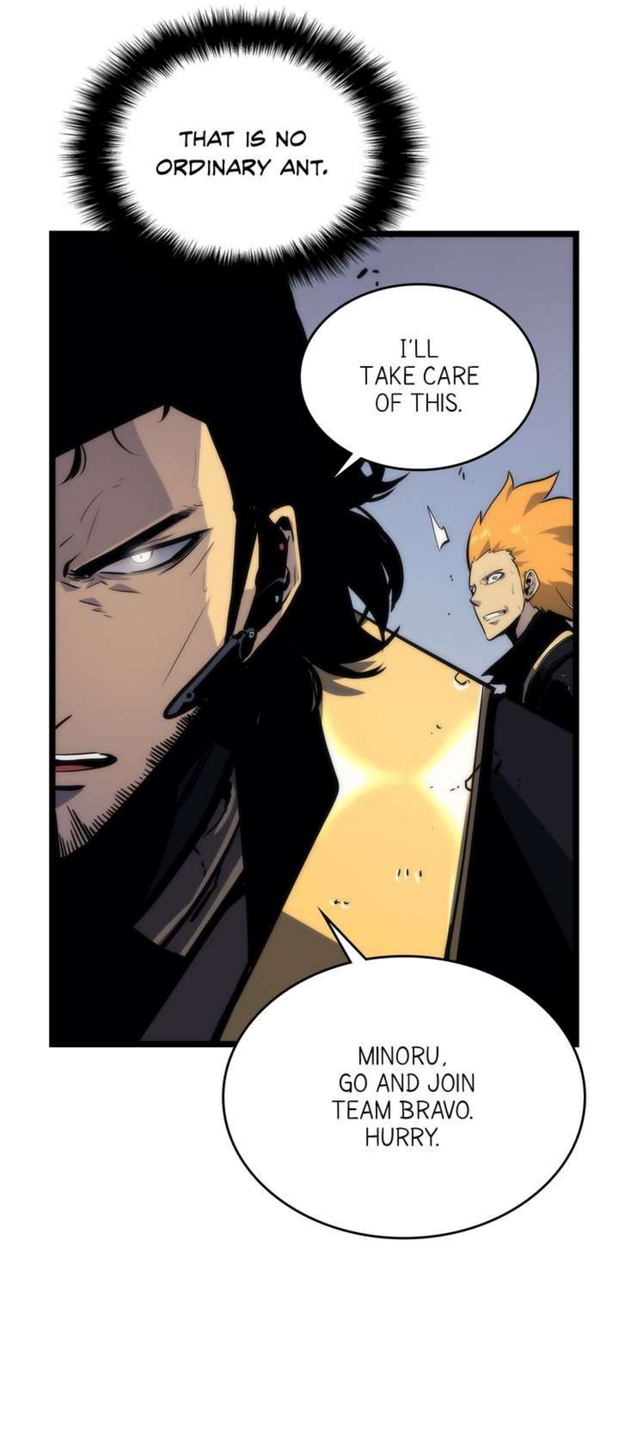
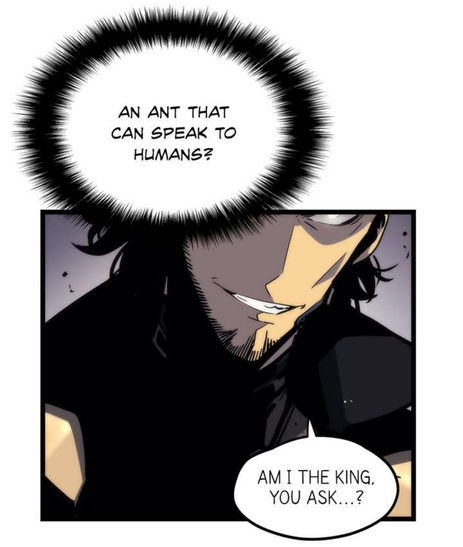

THAT IS NO ORDINARY ANT.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
MINORU, GO AND JOIN TEAM BRAVO. HURRY.

BUT...!
IF IT'S A STRONG BEAST, YOU'LL ONLY GET IN THE WAY.

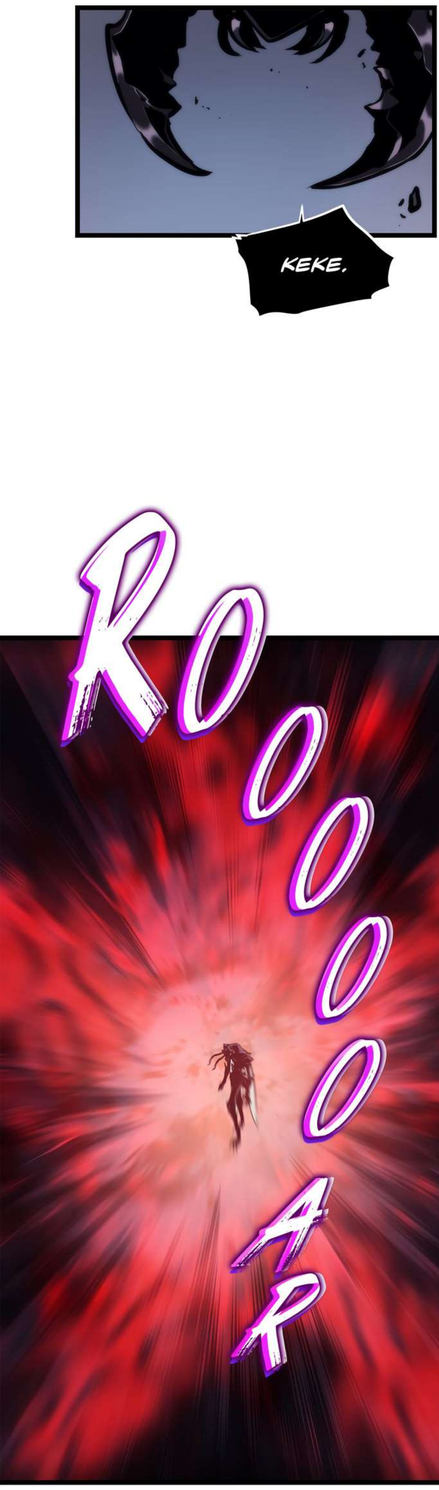
THIS ANT... HAS QUITE A THREATENING PRESENCE.

ARE YOU...

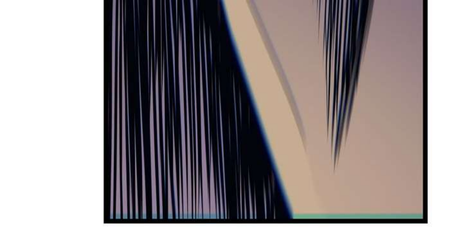
...THE KING?


AN ANT THAT CAN SPEAK TO HUMANS?
AM I THE KING, YOU ASK...?

WHY, YES. IN FACT, I AM THE KING.

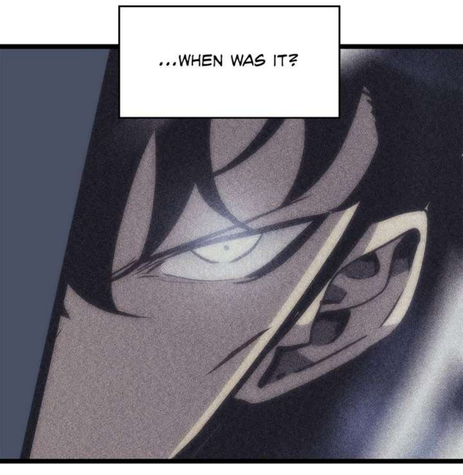

KEKE.
ROOOOOAR

HOW IS IT ABLE TO WIELD SUCH POWERFUL MAGIC...?!



THIS FEELING...

I'VE EXPERIENCED THIS FEELING ONCE BEFORE.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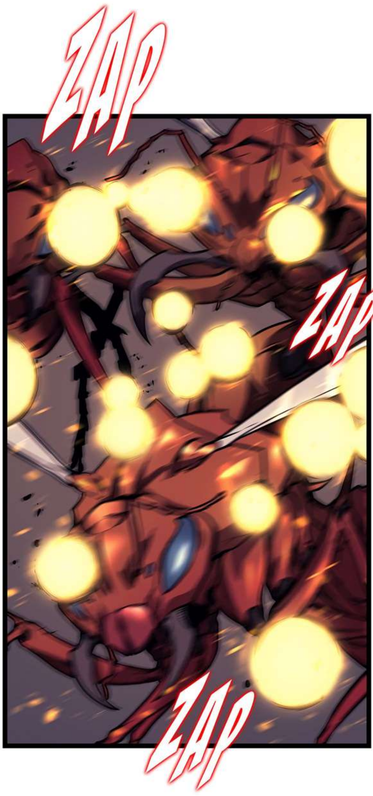
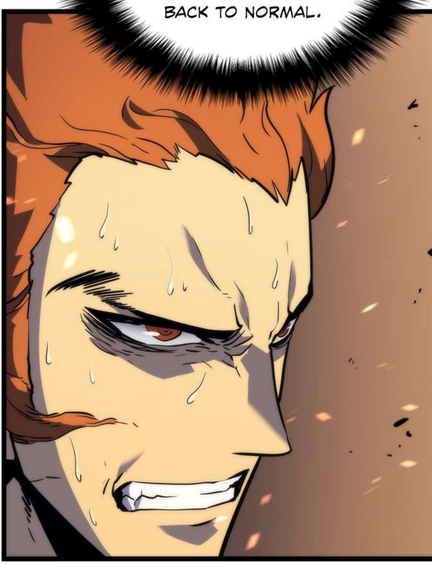
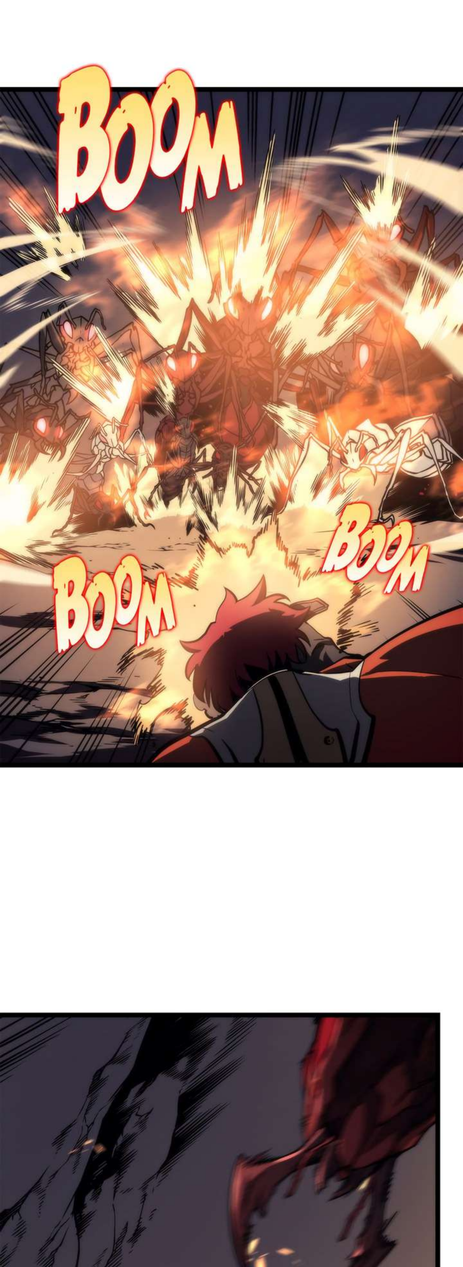

ZAP
ZAP
ZAP

EVERYONE HAS SUSTAINED FATAL INJURIES.

BYUNG-GU TRIED HIS BEST TO HEAL AT LEAST SOME OF OUR WOUNDS, BUT IT STILL WASN'T ENOUGH TO GET US BACK TO NORMAL.



OUT OF ALL OF US, CHOI JONG-IN IS OUR BEST BET...! ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS HOPE THAT HIS POTENT FLAMES ARE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE ANTS!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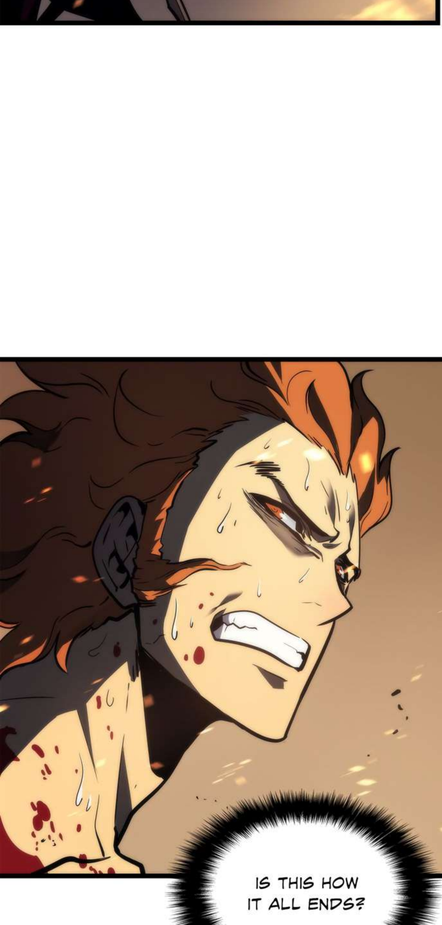
BOOM
BOOM



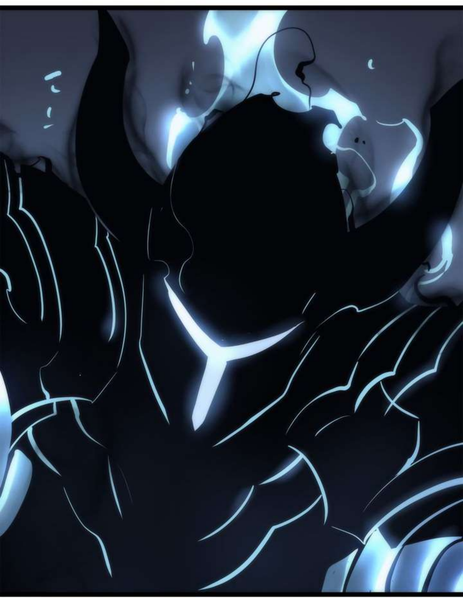
IS THIS HOW
IT ALL ENDS?

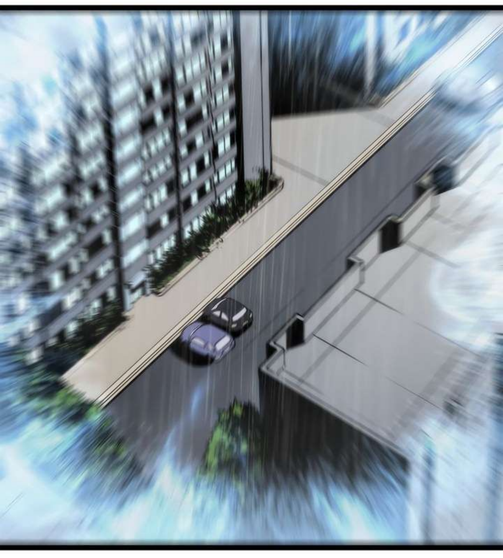
FSHH

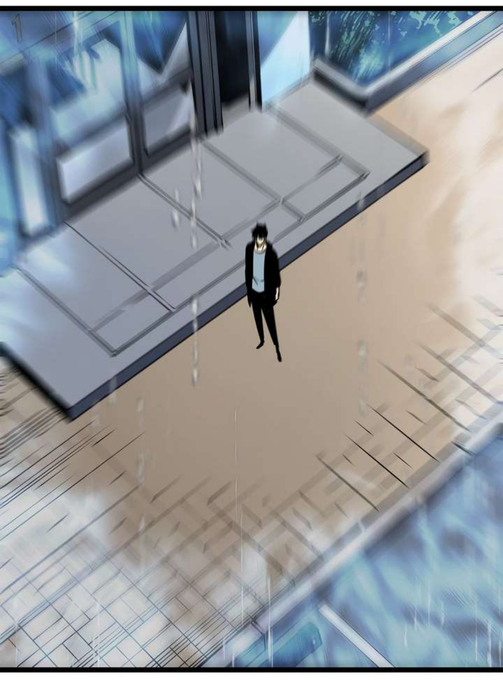
CRUSH

!!

A BLACK SOLDIER?! WHAT IS THAT THING?







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